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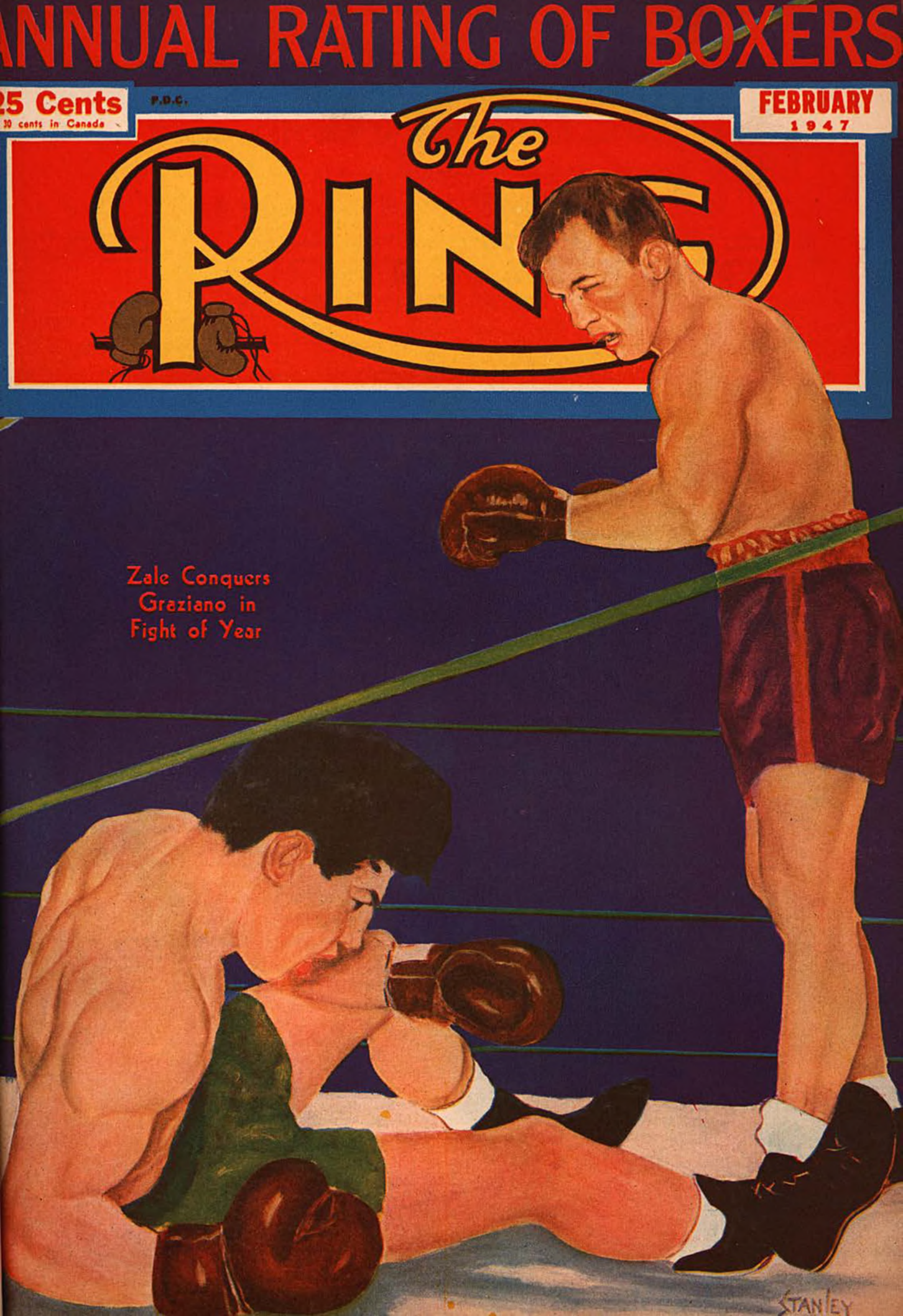

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TONY ZALE NAMED *the* BOXER *of the* YEAR

Middleweight King's Six Round Knockout of Rocky Graziano Called Battle of 1946—Made Up for Louis-Conn Flop

By NAT FLEISCHER

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TONY ZALE, of Gary, Indiana, world's middleweight champion, is THE RING Magazine's Fighter of the Year for 1946.

Zale's sixth round knockout of Rocky Graziano in the Yankee Stadium, New York, on September 27, came in what THE RING Magazine designates as the Fight of the Year for 1946.

Thus, to Zale comes the high distinction of having been the featured fighter in the first postwar campaign.

It is pleasing to THE RING Magazine to find Zale the one candidate for a distinction it has been awarding for 18 years. The Fighter of the Year first went to Gene Tunney, in 1928.

THE RING Magazine's annual ranking of the boxers of the world, which is the medium for the Fighter of the Year selection, and the vehicle for sorting out the topnotchers, goes back to 1925.

THE RING is delighted with its choice, and with Zale's predominant claim, because he is not only a great boxer, he is not only a credit to the game and to himself, but he can point to a four year stretch in the Navy.

When the Fighter of the Year award was originated, it was stipulated that the choice had to be of fine character, as well as a standout performer. He had to be a pattern for the American boy, he had to enjoy perfect public relations, his personal life had to be free from scandal.

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ZALE meets these requirements, fully. Especially does he dominate the field with his impressive performances in his postwar comeback year. Here is what he accomplished in 1946:

January 7—Stopped Bobby Giles in four rounds, Kansas City.

January 17—Knocked out Tony Gillo in five rounds, Norfolk.

February 7—Stopped Oscar Boyd, three rounds, Des Moines.

February 26—Knocked out Bobby Claus, four rounds, Houston.

April 12—Knocked out Ira Hughes, two rounds, Omaha.

May 2—Knocked out Eddie Rossi, four rounds, Memphis.

September 27—Knocked out Rocky Graziano, six rounds, New York.

A recapitulation shows that Zale won seven consecutive contests; that he took each with a knockout; and that in those seven fights, he did not have to turn in a total of more than 28 rounds.

Previous to his January 7 affair with Giles, Zale had not fought since February 13, 1942, when he suffered his 12 round defeat by Billy Conn. The previous November 28, Tony had beaten Georgie Abrams in the final of an elimination tournament to settle the ownership of the middleweight championship.

No man who saw that Zale-Conn fight ever will forget how Tony stood up to the bigger man.

And none who witnessed Zale's thrilling performance against Graziano ever will forget the drama of the occasion, the decisive skill of the champion, the fight in which Tony picked boxing off the floor, where it had been left, in the estimation of the public, by the Louis-Conn fiasco.

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THROUGH the war, Rocky Graziano, a rough and tough middleweight with a punch, had been developing toward a goal which many believed was the title.

"When Zale comes back he will find this kid too much for him," said many ranking dopesters.

Zale came back, consented to risk his title against the New York sensation, and in the sixth belted a right to his heart and a left to the chin, and made himself the Fighter of the Year.

Once again Joe Louis was a prominent candidate for THE RING Magazine's high accolade. He had won it often before, he gave Zale a fine run. But, there is no getting away from it, at the finish, Tony was out all alone.

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DESPITE the mediocre showing of Billy Conn, one must not belittle the victory of Louis, who, in scoring his twenty-second triumph in defense of his title, did what was expected of him. He faced the one man who was generally considered the outstanding contender, the lone heavyweight who was given any chance to dethrone him, and outclassed a scared Conn from here to California. He repeated his previous knockout, but this time quicker than in their first meeting in 1942.

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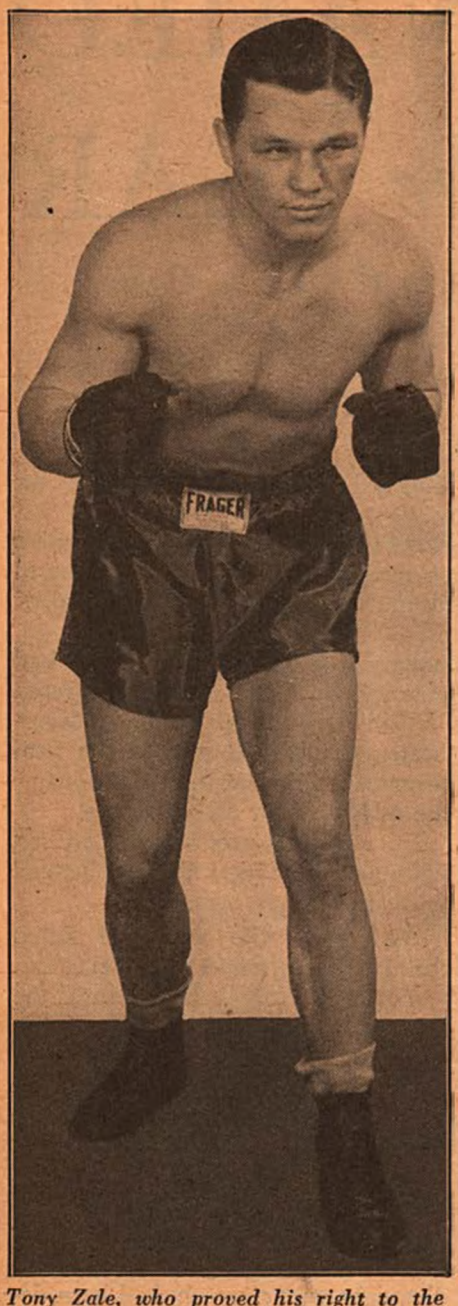
1944—Beau Jack
1945—Willie Pep
1946—Tony Zale



Tony Zale, who proved his right to the highest honors among the middleweights by his great stand against Rocky Graziano They will engage in a return bout in the spring.

Then came the Louis-Mauriello fight. No one seriously considered Tami a threat to the champion, yet the Bronx Italian, who came out fighting at the sound of the bell, almost dropped Louis with the first punch landed. In that thrilling first round, Tami displayed a greater fighting spirit than did Conn in ten, but all it got for him was a terrific shellacking that ended in a first-round kayo with the title holder again victor.

No champion in the history of the heavyweight division, nor for that matter in any other class, has come to scratch as often as has Louis in defense of his crown. By rolling up his twenty-third win, in the judgment of THE RING's experts, he finished second to Zale for THE RING's annual citation.

Here are reasons for giving him the No. 2 rating among the "Fighters of the Year."

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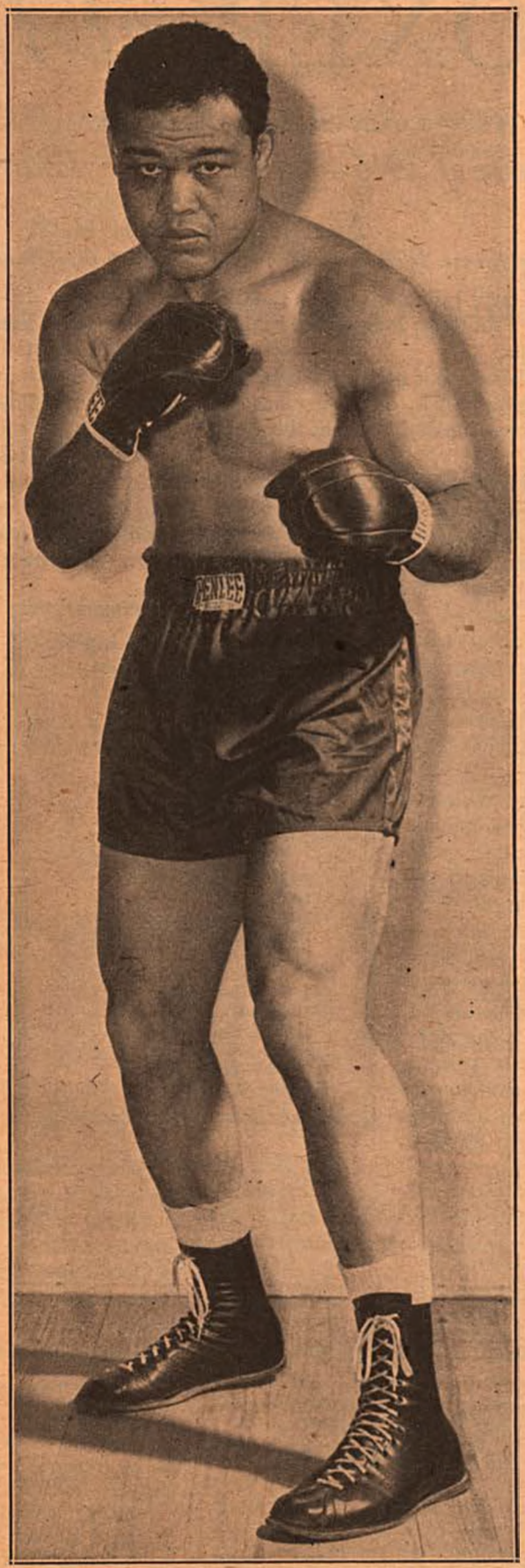
1—He made his twenty-second and twenty-third successful defense of his championship in halting Conn and Mauriello.

2—No one approaches him in point of ability.



Joe Louis, who defended his title for the twenty-third consecutive time, a record unsurpassed in ring history.

3—He rates with the greatest heavyweights of the past—Jeffries, Corbett, Fitzsimmons and Dempsey.

4—He maintained his record of successes despite four years of ring rustiness and has only one defeat chalked up against him as a professional—the knockout at the hands of Max Schmeling which he later avenged.

5—He has knocked out every opponent with whom he engaged in a return bout—Schmeling, Buddy Baer, Bob Pastor, Abe Simon, Arturo Godoy and Billy Conn. To Marcel Cerdan, French Moroccan fighting ace, goes our third choice because of his continued success against outstanding fighters and his thrilling performance in his U. S. debut.

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CONTRARY to expectations, the various branches of the armed forces failed to yield any standout fighters. Not one fine prospect has come from any branch of the services. Every fighter who kept in the public eye during the past year, either had been in the front rank in pre-war days or was a product of the small clubs which flourished during the war. Al Hoosman of California, Jackie Cranford of Washington and Johnny Ebarb of California failed to come through. In the heavyweight division, for example, each of the ranking fighters has seen ring service for a number of years.

A glance over the men rated in the heavyweight class is a dead giveaway of the poor calibre of contenders seeking to dethrone Louis. Never in the entire history of boxing, has that division been so devoid of top talent as at present. There isn't one man in the entire division who is worthy of a contender's post, yet, unless he sees fit to retire, the Brown Bomber will find it necessary to accept these mediocre challengers as his opponents un-

til such time as a new crop of heavyweights comes to light. Joe can hold his title as long as he wants to.

Here is a comparison of the No. 1 Ratings of last year as compared to 1946:

Heavyweight
1946—Joe Louis
1945—Tami Mauriello
Light-heavyweight
1946—Gus Lesnevich
1945—Archie Moore
Middleweight
1946—Tony Zale
1945—Jake LaMotta
Welterweight
1946—Ray Robinson
1945—Ray Robinson
Lightweight
1946—Ike Williams
1945—Chalky Wright
Featherweight
1946—Willie Pep
1945—Willie Pep
Bantamweight
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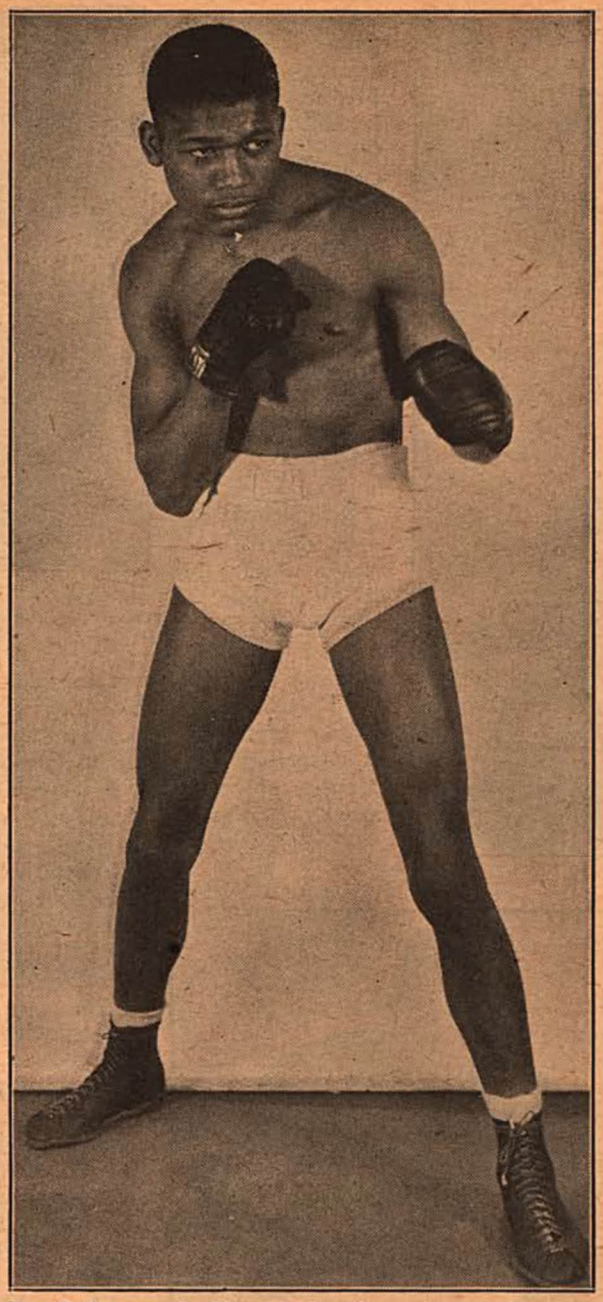
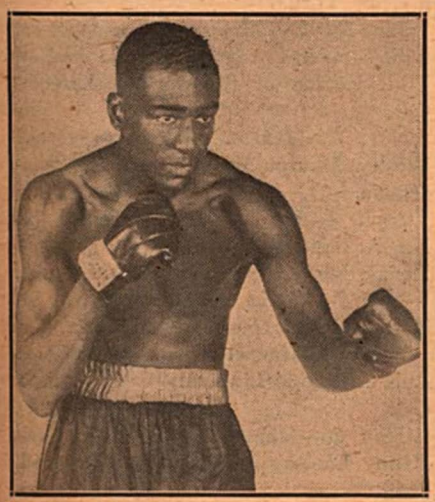
1946—Jackie Paterson
1945—Jackie Paterson

Gus Lesnevich, the light-heavyweight champion, though stopped by Bruce Woodcock, British Empire heavyweight king, in an overweight match in England, retains his post as head of his division by virtue of his one round knockout of Joe Kahut, at the time an outstanding light-heavyweight contender, and the knockout of Freddie Mills, British Empire cruiserweight king.

Though Ezzard Charles is the best of the contenders, his nearest rival,



Ray Robinson, the New York welter, who stands above all others in his division.



Tommy Bell, the only welter willing to gamble with Ray Robinson for the right to be acclaimed welter king following Marty Servo's abdication.

Billy Fox, our Number Three man in the annual ratings, will fight Gus for the title in a few weeks. As in the Cochrane-Servo affair, in which the highest bidder got first call, Billy Fox's managers have been able to buy their way into this title match in which not only has Lesnevich been guaranteed $50,000, win, lose or draw, but also will have his taxes on all moneys beyond what he gets from his legitimate Garden percentage, paid by those who control Billy Fox.

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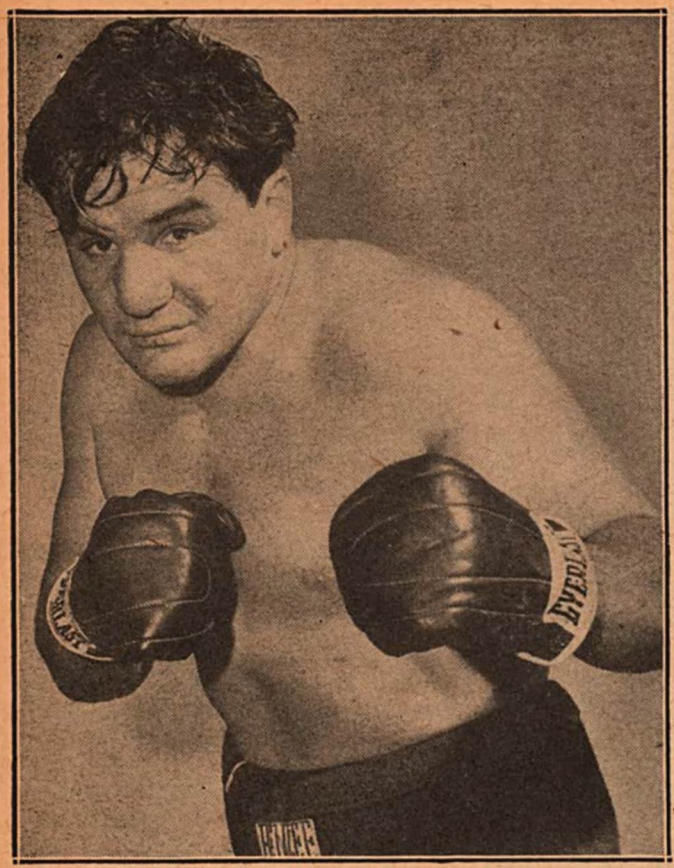
IN all other divisions, the current champion is named head of the class. In 1945 Louis, Lesnevich and Zale, three title-holders, failed to get any rating because of inactivity. The titles were frozen during the war and they didn't resume boxing until after their discharge.

In the welterweight division, in which the champion of the class, Marty Servo, abdicated, Ray Robinson, the class of the welters for several years, was named by the New York Commission to fight Tommy Bell of Cleveland for the right to wear the crown. The victor of that contest will now generally be accepted as Servo's successor since Bell is the only fighter in the division who was willing to face Robinson in a test of supremacy and Ray for several years has been the outstanding pugilist among the welters.

Though this division boasts of many good lads, it seems strange that the boys refused to enter an elimination tournament to decide who should be the opponent of Robinson in a final match. The consensus was that Ray was too good and the rest of the field conceded the crown to him. This he refused to accept, hence the match that was arranged for him with Bell as his opponent, as Tommy previously had fought Ray a ten round thriller.

In the lightweight division, as in 1945, THE RING recognizes neither Ike Williams, the NBA world champion, nor Bob Montgomery, the champion rated in New York and Pennsylvania as an international title-holder. Each only is a sectional champion. Of the two, Williams has a far better claim to international laurels than the New York and Pennsylvania champ because Ike disposed of the British Empire title-holder, Ronnie James, via the knockout route. Williams and Montgomery must face each

Tippy Larkin, claimant of junior welter honors, our second choice among welters.



Tami Mauriello, rated Number One, the best of the crop of heavy contenders.

other if a world champion is to be decided. They share our Number One world post.

Before going into detailed explanation of our ratings, THE RING would like to list the standout developments in 1946 boxing, as follows:

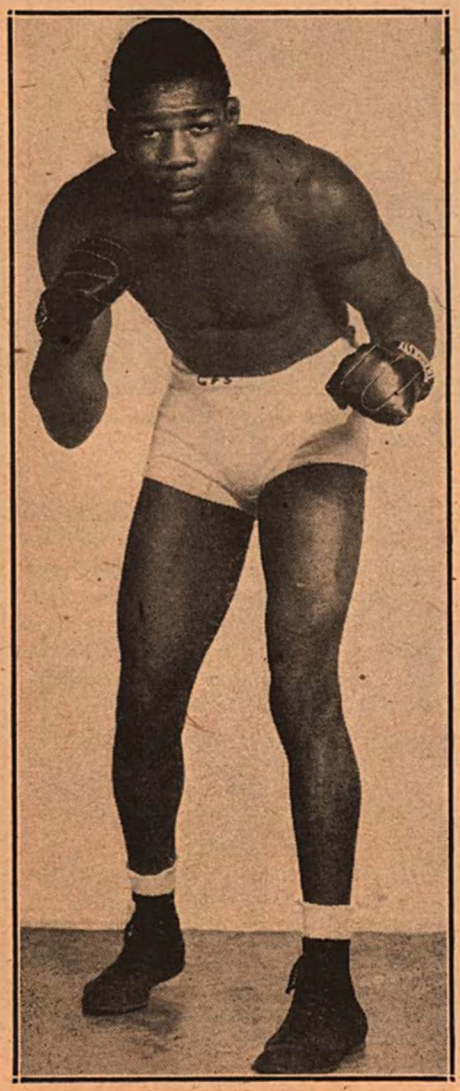
1. Every pre-war champion defended his title at least once during the year. The records show that the pre-war title-holders have put their crown on the line thirteen times since the lights came on again and have rolled up eleven knockouts and won one decision and suffered one knockout. The sole defeat was suffered by Freddie Cochrane when he was kayoed by Marty Servo last February.

Not a bad record for men who were inactive for a long time.

2. To Manuel Ortiz, as in the previous year, goes the honor of having defended his title more often than any other champion. The California crown wearer, the world's bantamweight boss, flattened five opponents. He stopped Eli Golindo, David Kui Kong Young, Jackie Jurich, Kenny Lindsay and Luis Castillo, a formidable array of bantamweights.

Since winning the bantam crown Ortiz has successfully defended it fifteen times.

Joe Louis, with knockouts over Billy Conn and Tami Mauriello, rates next.



Curtis "Hatchetman" Sheppard for whom Baltimore has gone to the mat as the most suitable opponent for Joe Louis in his next title defense.

Gus Lesnevich figured in one title bout, that with Freddie Mills in London. He stopped the British Empire champion in nine rounds.

Willie Pep settled the dispute regarding the division's supremacy, when he knocked out the NBA title holder, Sal Bartolo, in four rounds.

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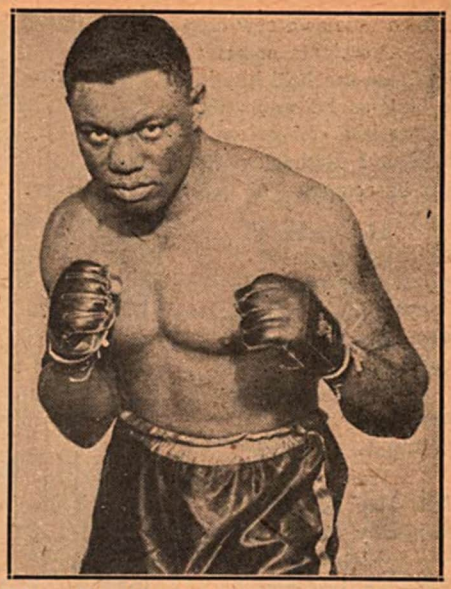
IN the lightweight division, the only class in which there is a division of opinion as to who is the international champion, Ike Williams strengthened his claim by knocking out Ronnie James, British Empire king, in four rounds. Bob Montgomery, who gained recognition in New York, stopped Allie Stolz in defense of his laurels, then knocked out Wesley Mouzon, who previously had knocked him out in an overweight match. Williams and Montgomery share top honors.



Elmer Ray, third choice among the heavyweights, though sure-shot opposition was chosen for him.

The only champion who went to a decision was Jackie Paterson, the British Empire flyweight king, who won the verdict over Joe Curran in fifteen rounds in England. Jackie was stopped by Theo Medina of France in a battle for the European bantamweight championship.

The most vital, most interesting, title-involving fights of the year 1946 were as follows:—

June 19—Joe Louis knocked out Billy Conn in 8 rounds. New York.

Sept. 18—Joe Louis knocked out Tami Mauriello in 1 round. New York.

May 14—Gus Lesnevich knocked out Freddie Mills in 10 rounds. London.

Sept. 27—Tony Zale knocked out Rocky Graziano in 6 rounds. New York.

Feb. 1—Marty Servo knocked out Freddie Cochrane in 4 rounds to win the welterweight championship of the world in New York.

June 28—Bob Montgomery knocked out Allie Stolz in 13 rounds to retain the New York version of the world lightweight title.

Nov. 26—Bob Montgomery stopped Wesley Mouzon in eight rounds. Philadelphia.

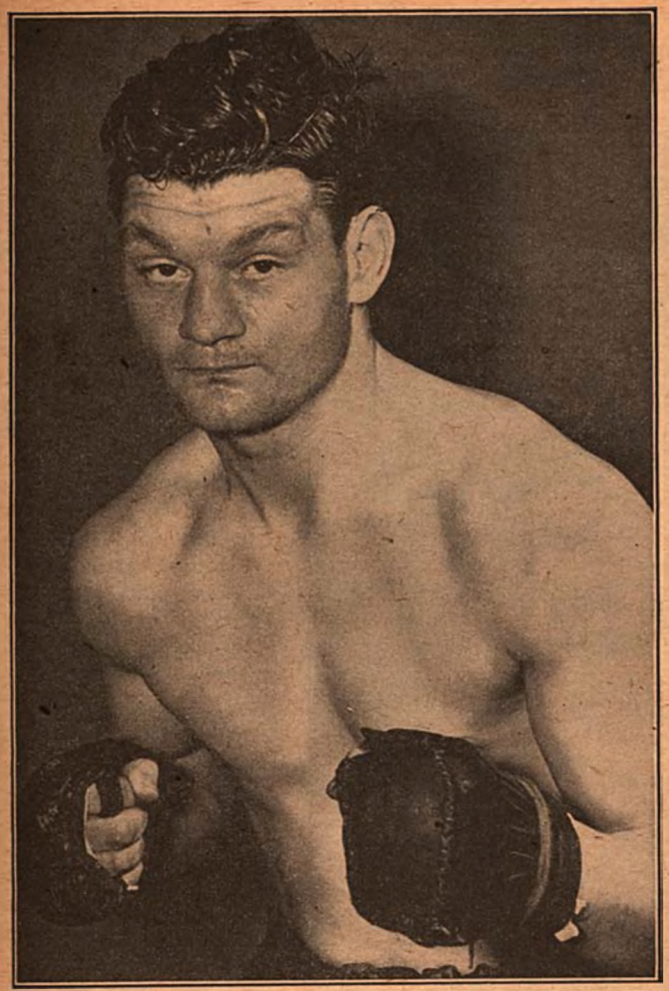
Sept. 4—Ike Williams defended his N.B.A. lightweight title by knocking out Ronnie James in 9 rounds. Cardiff, Wales.

June 7—Willie Pep knocked out Sal Bartolo in 12 rounds. New York.

Feb. 25—Manuel Ortiz knocked out Luis Castillo in 13 rounds, San Francisco, Cal.

May 26—Manuel Ortiz knocked out Kenny Lindsay in 5 rounds. Hollywood, Cal.

June 10—Manuel Ortiz knocked out Jackie Jurich in 11 rounds. San Francisco, Cal.



Bruce Woodcock, the leading foreign contender for heavyweight honors.

March 19—Jackie Paterson won on a foul from Theo Medina in eight rounds; Glasgow.

July 10—Jackie Paterson beat Joe Cufran in 15 rounds, Glasgow, Scotland.

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Ring oddities in 1946 follow:

1. Thirty-two bouts were recorded in which the officials called the affair "no contest."

2. The largest number of knockdowns was scored in a fight between Jimmy Jennette, Washington bantam, and Jose De Medina, at New Britain. De Medina was floored at least once in every one of the ten rounds and hit the canvas 21 times.

3. Gene Kelly knocked out Camacho Rodriguez of San Antonio, at Austin, Texas, 17 times.

4. The record knockout of the year was scored in the St. Louis Auditorium on September 10 when Kid Riviera, Negro heavyweight, dropped Big Sullivan, Chicago Negro, with the first punch, a second after the gong had sounded, making the elapsed time 11 seconds.

5. At Harrisburg, Pa., Emmett Norris, Steelton, Pa. welterweight, kayoed two men in the same evening. He stopped Jackie Johnson, Philadelphia welter, in 15 seconds of the opening round and Jimmy Wilson, Philadelphia welter, in 2:10 of the third on September 23.

6. At New Orleans, Jock Leslie of Flint, Mich., and Pee Wee Flores, Tampa, Florida, featherweight, connected simultaneously. Both men hit the canvas. Jock got to his feet before the count of ten. Flores remained in a stupor and Leslie won the bout by a knockout.

7. Canton, Ohio, staged its first show since Pearl Harbor on New Year's Day.

8. Muskegon staged its first pro show in ten years in January.

9. On May 30, at Phoenix, Arizona, the referee awarded the fight to Gabe Peralta but the Boxing Commission overruled him and gave the fight to Folly Villages. There were six other such occurrences during the year in this country.

10. At Miami on Decoration Day, the entire fistic card offered for the fans lasted 13 minutes and 22 seconds. There was a quick knockout in every bout. None of the mills lasted more than a fraction of a round.

11. At Denver, Colo., on May 1, Chuey Padilla of Los Angeles, fainted and was counted out in his bout with Rio Rito, Denver lightweight.

12. At Newark, N. J., Freddie Archer and Jorge Morelia fought two rounds of their bout at the Meadowbrook Club when rain caused a halt. The other eight rounds were fought the following night.

13. The Ring gave to Manuel Ortiz and to Marty Servo the 123rd and 124th championship belts.

14. Willie Pep, world's featherweight king, was the most active champion of the year. He engaged in 20 bouts and defended his title once, against Sal Bartolo, whom he stopped in 12 rounds. Manuel Ortiz was next with eight contests. He defended his laurels three times. He knocked out Luis Castillo in 13 rounds; Kenny Lindsay in five and Jackie Jurich in 11.

Ortiz stands next to Louis in the matter of title defenses. He has gone to the mat against challengers 13 times since winning the crown, as against 23 by Louis.

Charley Kelley, Boston feather, was the perpetual motion man of the year with 32 fights. Lew Perez, Puerto Rican middleweight, came second with 30 fights.

Vince Dell 'Orto continued undiscouraged as he kept right on losing fights. The Boston lightweight has lost 25 straight.

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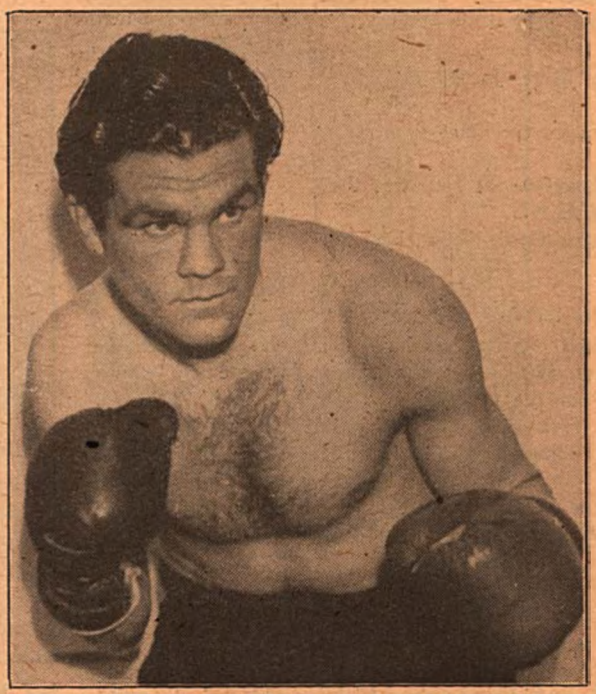
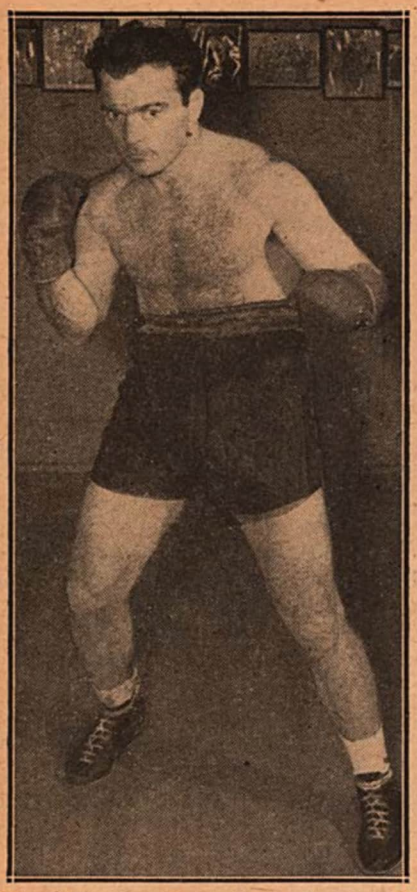


Freddie Mills, who though stopped by Lesnevich and Baksi, heads the foreigners as the best of the light-heavyweights.

THE year was marked by a record number of contests in which a record number of fighters participated. The return of the GI's from the services was responsible for the influx. Many boys who had tasted the resin dust for the first time while in uniform threw in their lot with the professionals, but only a few made good. The majority fell by the wayside in short order. They found the going too tough.

The year also found more boxing clubs in the running than ever in the history of the sport. New England took the lead with 16 new boxing centers.

Despite the overflow, there were less talented boxers performing in 1946 than at any time during the last decade. This was particularly true in the heavyweight and light-heavyweight divisions. The most active classes were the welter and middleweight divisions in which there was a revival of interest due to the development of new stars.



Marcel Cerdan, Europe's leading middleweight threat.

THE year's biggest surprise was the flop of veterans who prior to the war had figured as topnotchers but who couldn't make good in the come-back role, notably Billy Conn, Freddie Cochrane, Jimmy Bivins, Sal Bartolo and Billy Arnold.

The fight of the year was the Zale-Rocky Graziano battle for the world middleweight title and the best round of the year was the sixth and final session of that contest. The Marcel Cerdan-Georgie Abrams bout ranked second in the year's best fights.

The promoters of the year were Mike Jacobs and Jack Solomons.

The greatest gate of the year was that for the Louis-Conn bout, a gross of $1,925,564.

The biggest gate for other than a heavyweight bout was that in the Zale-Graziano bout, a gross of $342,497.

The biggest gate in Madison Square Garden—Graziano vs. Servo—$173,163.

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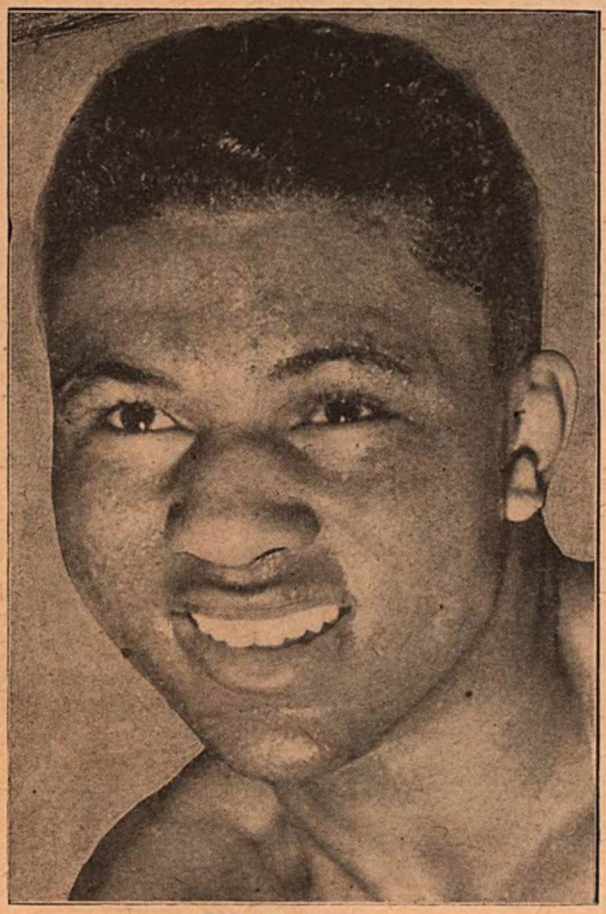
WHILE boxing competition in 1946, the first post-war year, was not as eventful as had been expected, it built the foundation for bigger things. Most of 1945 found the nation still partially in the war, with many of the best ringmen not yet ready for the resumption of their fistic careers, but shortly after the beginning of the new year, things began to hum as in normal times.

Louis, king of the heavyweights, one of the greatest in the history of the sport; Billy Conn, the one man who was considered by every scribe and every fight fan as the fighter who above all stood a good chance of dethroning the Brown Bomber.

Zale, the middleweight title-holder, who, after four years of active service both in this country and overseas, announced his readiness to tune up for the first defense of his crown since 1941; Freddie Cochrane, world welterweight king, anxious to place his diadem on the block against the highest bidder; Willie Pep, world featherweight champion, eager to settle for all time the matter of supremacy with the National Boxing Association's backed champion. These kings of the roped square were only a mere pea in the bucket in the great number of service men of prewar fistic days who were flocking to the gymnasiums to get in trim for what looked like the greatest of all years in boxing.



Bob Montgomery, Philadelphia lightweight, who shares the top rung for international honors with Ike Williams.

In a measure it was a great year, at least in so far as high gate receipts, the number of boxers in action, the number of fight clubs operating and the thrills were concerned, but it lacked one most important factor in greatness—A1 talent. The stars of the services failed to come through. They didn't have what it takes to make good in the pro field.

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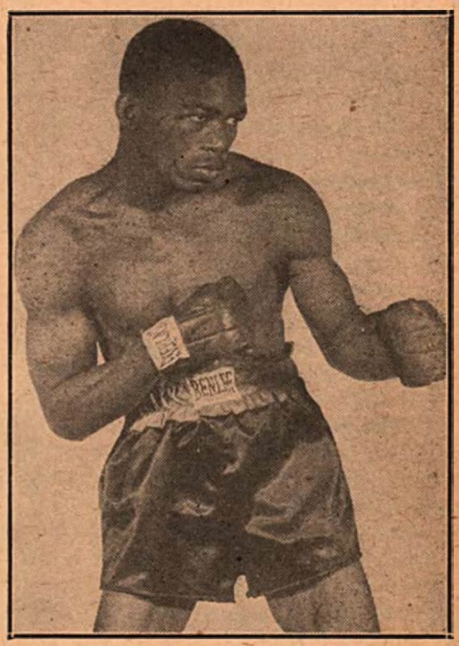
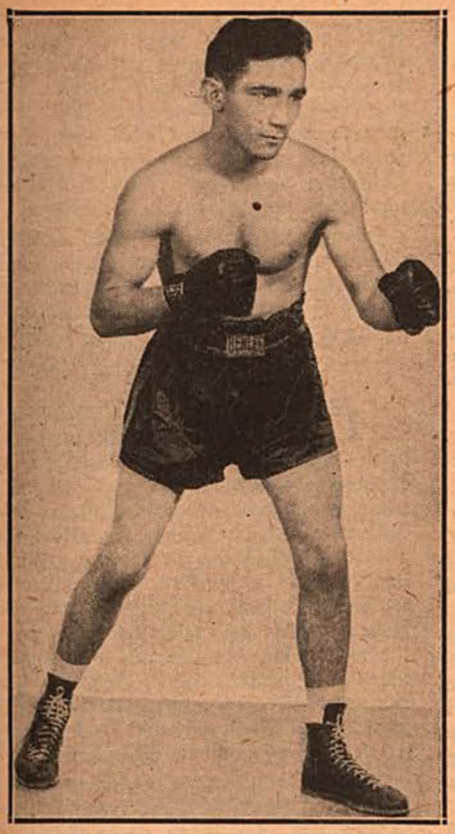
THE stars of yesterday proved that the war training had taken much from them by their failure to live up to pre-war reputations. The gates were extremely high because war money was still available to the average fight fan. Thus came into being the first $100 per ticket fight, the Louis-Conn fiasco, with its first million dollar gate since Louis knocked out Max Schmeling.

Average gates of close to $100,000 were the rule in 1946 rather than the exception, so that in many ways, the year will go down in the boxing history of the world as a financial phenomenon.

But one thing was most noticeable—the lack of new stars. The one man around whom Mike Jacobs, world's leading fistic impresario built his post-war empire, was Graziano, the powerful New York hitting middleweight, but when he got the test of his career, the chance to gain the world middleweight championship from the service returnee, Zale, the man who generally was regarded a cinch to be taken into camp by the colorful New



Ike Williams, the NBA champion lightweight, who added to his prestige by knocking out the British Empire king, Ronnie James.



Willie Pep, who pound for pound, takes his place in ring history as one of the greatest little fighters of recent years. His record as a champion and as a fighter puts him in a class with the world's best of all time.

Yorker, it was Tony, not Rocky, who came through.

Of all the battlers who had reached the so-called veteran's stage prior to 1946, only a handful had retained their skill to make good in post-war competition. Among these were Joe Louis, Zale, Willie Pep, Manuel Ortiz, Ray Robinson, Ezzard Charles, Phil Muscato, Bob Montgomery, Steve Belloise, Beau Jack, Marcel Cerdan, Georgie Abrams, Archie Moore, Jake LaMotta, Tippy Larkin, Allie Stolz, Ike Williams, Fred Apostoli, Willie Joyce. There are others, but these were the men on whom promoters depended most in various parts of the country to bring the money into the till.

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AND now the ratings:

In the heavyweight division, despite his knockout at the hands of Louis in the opening round of their championship bout, Tami Mauriello, as was the case last year, heads the group of contenders because in that bout he showed more guts than did any of the other ranking men in any fight in which they engaged. Fearlessly, he sailed into the Brown Bomber and almost knocked him off his pins twice within less than two minutes. His knockout of the British heavyweight Empire champion, Bruce Woodcock, and his kayo of John Thomas helped him gain this high rating.

Billy Conn, though retired, is placed behind Mauriello on his one "fight" of the year, a contest in which he displayed little beyond fear. The fact that he kept on his feet against Joe Louis for nine rounds and a portion of the tenth, entitles him to this consideration though he didn't consider the feelings of the fans who had paid $100 for ringside seats to see him fight and not perform a dance.

There is no doubt in my mind that Billy Conn, the fighter, the man who almost beat Joe Louis for the crown in their first engagement, could whip each and every heavyweight rated in our first ten contenders. That, plus the fact that he did stay on his feet against Louis for so long a period, no matter through what means, earns him a place below Mauriello.

Though Elmer Ray fought fourteen times and scored thirteen knockouts, his opponents were unimpressive. In his only fight against a first rate opponent, Jersey Joe Walcott, he barely eked out the decision. Yet his record for the year entitles him to third ranking position.

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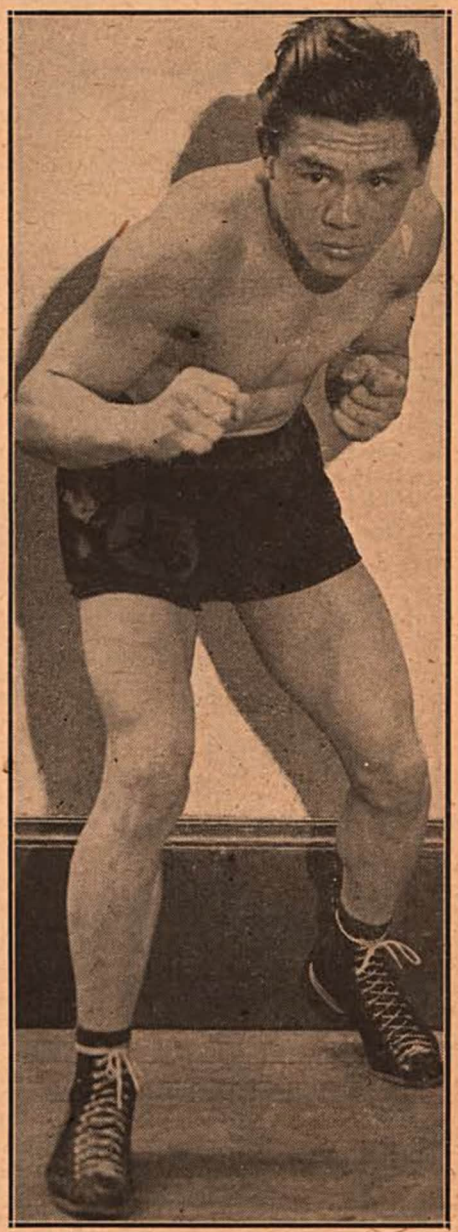
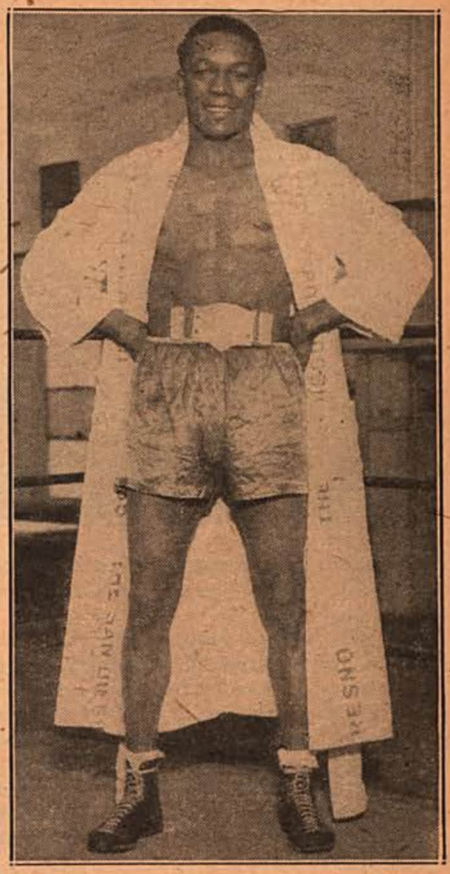
TO THE British Empire king, Bruce Woodcock, goes fourth place. He engaged in two international battles, losing via the K.O. route to Mauriello, but stopping Gus Lesnevich. Out of seven bouts he dropped only one, to Tami. He stopped Paul Renet to win the European heavyweight title, thus placing him in line for a shot at our best.



David Kui Kong Young, Hawaiian bantam, ranked top as contender for Manuel Ortiz's title.



Jack Chase, California state light-heavyweight champion.

Under Bruce comes Walcott, who won from Jimmy Bivins, Johnny Allen, Al Blake, Lee Oma and Tommy Gomez. His defeats were at the hands of Elmer Ray and Joey Maxim, the latter a questionable one. He is a better fighter than Maxim. By losing a hair-line verdict to Ray, he is our choice over his conqueror, Maxim.

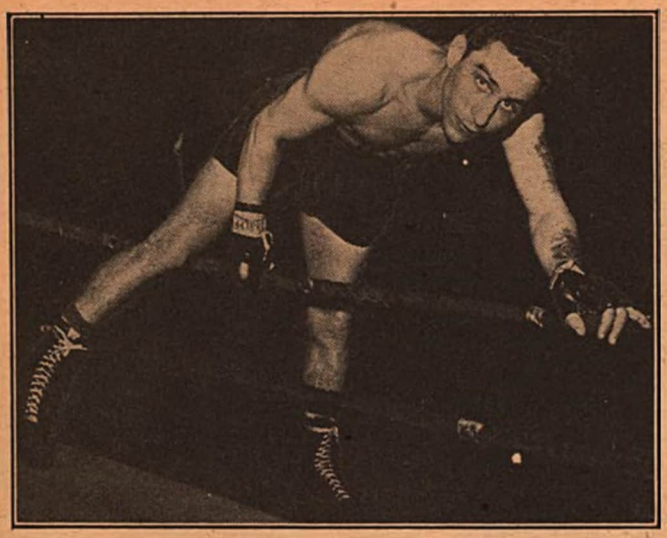
Curtis Sheppard is our next choice. He has improved greatly and is the most willing fighter among the contenders. All shun him. Ray ran out of a match with the Hatchetman.

Of eleven fights, Curtis Sheppard dropped decisions to Archie Moore and O'Dell Riley, and knocked out Yancey Henry, Charles Neaves, Clarence Jones, Jimmy Bell, O'Dell Riley in a return bout, Willie Barrow, George Fitch and Bill Petersen, and beat Johnny Shkor.

Maxim is next in line by virtue of his victory over Walcott and two over Phil Muscato. He lost to John Thomas and dropped one bout to Muscato. Maxim's biggest setback was fighting a draw with Jim Ritchie, an ordinary heavyweight.

Joe Baksi, who stopped Freddie Mills in London, is ranked eighth. His stock went down considerably during the year because of inactivity. He had an advantage of twenty-seven pounds on Mills, hence Baksi's work for the year lacks impressiveness.

Lee Q. Murray and Melio Bettina make up the rest of the first ten, with Jimmy Bivins, Phil Muscato, Nathan Mann and Lee Oma winding up the group. Bivins and



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Phil Terranova, our choice for Number One contender, a former NBA champion, who has an enviable record. His record knockout of Oscar Calles, Central American champion, in a bout in Venezuela, was his top fight of a most successful year.

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Oma were keen disappointments. Last year both rated high.

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AS IN the heavyweight class, the light-heavyweight division is one of the poorest in decades, with Gus Lesnevich our top man. The cream of the lot is Ezzard Charles, who, since his return from the army, has displayed a brand of fighting that entitles him to the Number One post among the contenders. In ten fights he scored ten victories, mostly against outstanding battlers.

Included among the victims are Jimmy Bivins, Billy Smith, Lloyd Marshall, Sheldon Bell, Archie Moore and Georgie Parks.

Billy Fox, the man who is signed for a title bout with the champion, Gus Lesnevich, has had forty-one bouts since turning pro and has scored a kayo in each. This year he had five bouts. He disposed of Nate Bolden, Ossie Harris, twice in ten rounds; Joe Reddick and Johnny Walker.

Archie Moore, for several years a high-ranking contender, is our third choice. He is not as good a fighter as he was during the war, but can hold his own against the best. Out of eight bouts he lost only one, that to Charles, but he fought two draws, with Billy Smith and Jack Chase. His best victory for the year was over Curtis Sheppard.

Next comes Jack Chase, the California state champion, an on-and-off battler for several years. He didn't lose any of his seven fights this year though he fought a draw with Bobby Zander and one with Moore. He beat Costello Cruz, Bobby Zander, Mad Anthony Jones, Kenny Watkins and Jimmy Coleman.

Billy Smith has been making fine headway. Though he lost to Ezzard Charles, his twelve-round draw with Archie Moore kept him in his high post as a light-heavyweight. He is rated fifth.

Booker Beckwith, making a comeback after his discharge from the service, had six fights. He dropped his first last March to Willie Barrow, then stopped Barrow in five, knocked out Willie Moore in seven, Nate Bolden in six, Billy Petersen in five and Johnny Eskew in nine. He is rated sixth.

To Freddie Mills, British Empire cruiserweight champion, goes our next spot. Though stopped by Gus Lesnevich, Freddie remains a good fighter. Three of his contests were over the weight.

Below Freddie we find the name of Lloyd Marshall, who was rated top man for several years.

An Australian is in our numerical ratings this year. His name is Dave Sands, who recently stopped Jack Johnson to win the light-heavyweight title. Dave is well thought of Down Under, according to our correspondent. He kayoed Jack first in four rounds and then in one, both listed as bouts for the crown.

Johnny Golan, Fitzie Fitzpatrick and Tommy Yarosz are honored with contenders' positions.

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COMING down to our middleweights, we encounter a better class of ring talent. The division's outstanding men are all good fighters with Jake LaMotta, Charley Burley and Rocky Graziano leading the brigade. Each is a sturdy challenger for Zale's crown. Rocky will get his second chance in a few weeks.

As in the previous year, LaMotta again is our top contender. Jake had eight fights, of which he won seven and drew with Jimmy Edgar. He is the cream of the division. Burley's victories over Bert Lytell and Billy Smith have gained for him a place above Graziano, who was kayoed by Zale.

Marcel Cerdan's victory over George Abrams put the Frenchman in line for a bout with our best men. Though it is in the cards for him to fight the Zale-Graziano winner because his mentors won't jeopardize the Frenchman's drawing power by pitting him against Jake LaMotta, such a match would be the proper one to decide the challenger. The American boy is far more deserving of a chance to fight for the crown than is Cerdan.

George Abrams, Jimmy Edgar, Bert Lytell and Steve Belloise make up the next four with Artie Levine and Jose Basora, following in that order. Bos Murphy of New Zealand is honored with a place in this division based on his splendid work this year. He is an excellent fighter.

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RAY ROBINSON gained the right to be acclaimed world welter king by his triumph over Tommy Bell in a bout to decide the successor to the retired champion, Marty Servo. Ray has been the best man in his division for a number of years. Bell was the only man willing to accept a bout with Sugar Ray to aid in the crowning of a new title holder.

Tippy Larkin rates leading contender with Tommy Bell second and Beau Jack following. Though Marty Servo has retired, his kayo of Freddie Cochrane and the fact that he was the champion, makes it necessary to rate him. He holds down fourth place. Jackie Wilson, recent winner of the California crown and Willie Joyce are our next choices.

Johnny Greco's loss to Tony Pellone cost the Canadian champion seventh place which is allotted to his victor. Greco is dropped behind Tony. Tony Janiro is our ninth man and Jimmy Doyle is tenth contender.

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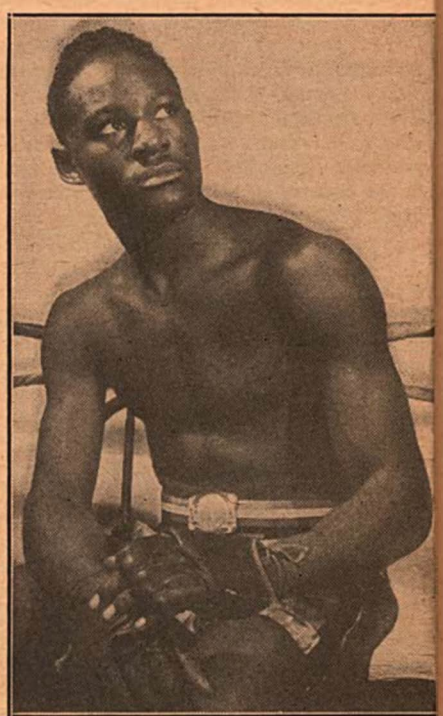
AS already explained, THE RING does not recognize an international leader in the lightweight class. The fact that Bob Montgomery is a New York Commission-made champion and Ike Williams is an N.B.A.-made title holder, gives to boxing a dual champion for the division. Ike Williams, it will be recalled, went to England where he flattened the British Empire king, Ronnie James, thus adding to his share of the world title, but the only way to settle the true ownership of the crown is to get Ike and the New York title holder together, as was done when Pep and Bartolo fought it out for the featherweight championship.

Though Williams knocked out Ronnie James, the latter is a far inferior fighter to our best men, hence while the British recognize Ike as the world title holder because of this victory, THE RING continues to ignore the claim of both Williams and Montgomery to such world honors.

Bob's knockout of Wesley Mouzon in the eighth round, in a bout advertised as for the international title, saved Bob from being dropped in the ratings below Williams. That victory, following the knockout of Montgomery by Mouzon in a previous bout, enabled the Philadelphian to end his year's activities on even terms with



Ezzard Charles, a Mid-Western threat for title honors, the best of the light-heavyweight contenders.

the N.B.A. champion. Thus they split the Number One laurels.

Although Johnny Bratton lost a ten rounder to Ike Williams, he came through with a good score after that with seven victories to his credit, his latest being one over Willie Joyce, for several years a ranking fighter.

Bratton is rated Number Three among the lightweights.

He is followed by Wesley Mouzon, the nineteen-year-old Philadelphia lightweight. Mouzon had eight contests.

The race for fifth place is pretty close between John Thomas and Enrique Bolanos, with Thomas having the edge because he fought the better men. John carried off the honors in fights with Larry Cisneros, Memo Llanes, Willie Jones, Maxie Shapiro, Arturo Barron, Frankie Moore and Leo Rodak and dropped a close decision in twelve rounds to California Jackie Wilson for the State welter crown.

Bolanos has a splendid record with only one setback, his kayo at the hands of Ike Williams. He twice beat Chalky Wright and won over Joe Barnum, Frankie Moore and Carmine Fatta besides knocking out Georgie Hansford, Jackie Wilson, of Pittsburgh, Leon Spencer and Joey Pirrone.

Australia gets Vic Patrick, its champion, into the first ten. He rates seventh. Though Vic lost to Bos Murphy when Bos was a welter. Vic rates high as a lightweight and has been praised to the skies by the British and Australians who have seen him in action.

Cisneros, our eighth man, had nine fights and dropped only that with John Thomas, but the opposition was not as good as that of the boys ahead of him.

Chester Rico and Allie Stolz complete the first ten. Chester, though beaten by Eddie Giosa on an off night, won eight contests. He cannot get any of the top men in the division to face him. His best victories were over Norman Rubio, Juste Fontaine and Leo Rodak.

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COMING down to the featherweight class, we find Willie Pep, as during the past year and several previously, the cream of the division with Phil Terranova rating a close second. Between them they stand supreme, two fearless fighters who have taken on all comers, but a fight between them now for the crown, would be a thriller, Terranova lost a fifteen round title bout to Pep in February, 1945, but since then has come along like a house afire to gain international prestige.

Willie Pep engaged in nineteen contests this year, though he defended his title only once, against Sal Bartolo whom he stopped in twelve rounds. He holds the record for the year for ring activity among the champs.

Terranova in twelve bouts, scored five knockouts and gained the decisions in seven. His best feat was his kayo of Calles in ten sessions. Calles is the best fighter in South America.

Although Carlos Chavez has not been very active, his performances for the year stamp him as one of the best in his division. His bouts with Manuel Ortiz in overweight matches were his best. He fought a hot fifteen round draw early in March and then came through with a victory in twelve frames in October. He is ranked second best contender in the world ratings.

Jake La Motta, again tops among the middleweights; the leading contender for title honors.

Calles is our third choice because of his victory over Acevedo, Harry Jeffra and Kid Barquerito of Santo Domingo who previously had beaten him.

As for Acevedo, Cuba's title holder, he takes precedence over Jock Leslie because he fought higher class men of his division. He knocked out Simon Vergera, beat Jimmy McAllister, lost the title to Lino Garcia, and then regained it. He was to have met Pep on December 21 but the bout was called off.

Jock Leslie made great strides during the year. The Flint, Michigan, feather who didn't figure in the ratings last year, engaged in fourteen contests of which he won all but one and reversed that defeat in a subsequent battle a fortnight later. His opponent was Baby Gonzales. Jock gets our fifth bid, and following him is the retired former N.B.A. champion, Sal Bartolo.

Bartolo lost only one fight, that for the world crown in which he was stopped by Pep in the twelfth round. Previously he successfully defended his NBA crown by halting Spider Armstrong in six rounds.

Jackie Graves, the outstanding featherweight in the midwest, gets the nod for eighth place. He is a good crowd-pleasing battler whose only loss was a knockout at the hands of Pep in eight rounds.

Spider Jack Armstrong of Toronto, the Canadian featherweight champion, is next in line with an excellent record after a poor start.

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THE bantams like the feathers, have a fighting champion at their head, Manuel Ortiz. He again heads the division, Ortiz defended his crown three times this year, against Luis Castillo whom he stopped in thirteen rounds, Kenny Lindsay who was halted in five and Jackie Jurich, an eleven rounds kayo victim. He also stopped Eli Golindo and David Kui Kong Young and beat Horace Leftwich. He drew with Carlos Chavez in fifteen rounds and lost to him in twelve, both over the weight bouts.

David Kui Kong Young of Hawaii is our second choice with only one defeat against him, that by Ortiz. David beat Dado Marino, a ranking featherweight, Lefty Quicho, Adolph Samuels, Tony Olivera, Mike Belloise and Luis Castillo.

Behind Young comes Luis Castillo who lost in overweight matches to Jackie Jurich and Pittsburgh Jackie Wilson, but beat Tony Olivera in fifteen rounds and dropped a close bout to Young in twelve.

Dado Marino of Hawaii, recently discharged from the army, is our next choice. He lost one fight but has been doing well since. Another comeback scrapper, is Peter Kane, long in His Majesty's service.

Tony Olivera fell from his high perch through his defeat by Joey Dolan. He also lost to Castillo and Young but did fine work in his other contests. He rates fifth.

A newcomer, but one who looms as a great bantam, is Georges Mousse of Paris who recently beat Cliff Anderson in London. He engaged in eleven bouts and lost only one. He is next in line with another Frenchman, Theo Medina, conqueror of Jackie Paterson via the knockout route, following. Benny Goldberg's inactivity has put him far down the line.

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AND now for the flyweight division, in which the cream of the talent come from England, France and Mexico. Only a few are to be found in this country.

Jackie Paterson, who competes in the flyweight, bantam and featherweight classes, again heads the division, despite his recent knockout at the hands of Medina in a bantamweight bout for the European title.

Rinty Monaghan, Northern Ireland's flyweight king, gains a high spot in world ratings by being named second best boy as a result of his knockout of Paterson.

With Dado Marino, long a flyweight, now campaigning as a bantam, Bunty Doran moves up to third place. Bunty beat Paterson in a non-title bout, stopped Theo Medina and Jimmy Webster, and whipped Teddy O'Neil and Norman Lewis—an impressive record.

A newcomer is Jackie Bryce, the former Scottish amateur champion, who, as a professional, defeated Barney Highers, Billy Hazlegrove, Joe Collins, Barney McVeigh, Charley Kerr and Alec Murphy, and earned fifth-place ranking behind Jimmy Gill.

As this issue goes to press, word has reached us that Alec Murphy, rated as the world's seventh best flyweight, succumbed to injuries suffered in a bout with the French bantam, Emile Famechon, in Nottingham.

CERDAN WILL DO SAY AMERICANS

Marcel, in U. S. Debut, Makes Good the Prediction of GI's. His Fighting Qualities Gain for Him a Place with the World's Best

By JERSEY JONES

PROBABLY no foreign fistic invader ever was on more of a "spot" in his American debut than was Marcel Cerdan when he faced off against Georgie Abrams in Madison Square Garden.

And none delivered more emphatically than did the colorful French-Moroccan middleweight.

True, a couple of Cerdan's illustrious predecessors from the land of the *fleur de lis,* Georges Carpentier and Eugene Criqui, had celebrated their American premieres by winning world titles. But both Carpentier and Criqui were well enough known here through their performances against outstanding Yankee ringmen in Europe, and the fans had a fairly definite idea what to expect of them. Furthermore, their inaugural opponents on this side were ringworn veterans, well beyond their primes, and Carpentier's four-round triumph over Battling Levinsky in Jersey City's old West Side Park, and Criqui's six-round victory over Johnny Kilbane at the Polo Grounds, were more or less in keeping with anticipations.

Cerdan, however, was definitely an unknown quantity to the American populace when he stepped in with Abrams. For several years, all manner of glowing tales had preceded Marcel to these shores. The enthusiastic French press had acclaimed him the "greatest middleweight in Europe, if not in the world." Such outstanding Yankee authorities as Jack Sharkey, Fidel La Barba and Billy Conn, who had seen him in action in inter-allied tournaments over yonder had stamped him with their unqualified approval.

But the American fans still had their doubts. There was little in Cerdan's record that could be used as a basis for evaluating his fistic qualifications. His record had been compiled at the expense of European opposition, comparatively unknown on this side of the big pond. The only performance by which he could have been measured by our standards was the ten-round win he had registered over the veteran Holman Williams in Paris. And even that triumph was not accepted too seriously. The skeptical, lifting cynical eyebrows, shrugged that one off with: "Well, Williams was an old man, anyway—and you couldn't expect him to get any the better of it with a Frenchman in Paris."

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WELL, Cerdan showed us! And how! They certainly didn't pick a soft one to assist in his American debut. Georgie Abrams, rated No. 4 in the list of the world's outstanding contenders for Champion Tony Zale's title, is one of the smartest, trickiest boxers in the ring today. There are very few answers he doesn't know. He represented an ideal test for the visitor.

And Cerdan delivered! He delivered with one of the most rousing, thrilling performances uncovered in the Garden in many a season. He delivered in a savage brawl that, for sustained action and furious slugging, lacked only the knockdowns and knockout to match that riotous rumpus staged by Zale and Rocky Graziano at the Yankee Stadium a few months previously.

Reports that had reached us of Cerdan's style, had him starting slowly, picking up speed as he went along, and hitting his peak about the fourth or fifth round.

But, determined to make good in his first appearance here, Cerdan apparently discarded his usual *modus operandi.* There certainly was no "slow start" for him when the opening gong sent him against Abrams. He came roaring out of his corner with a blazing two-handed assault that threatened to sweep Abrams into quick defeat. Georgie, bewildered by the speed and fury of the invader's attack, was forced to call upon his vast supply of defensive lore to weather the blizzard of flying leather turned loose on him.

As the battle progressed, Abrams showed to better advantage, boxing cleverly on the defense, meeting Cerdan's rushes with well-timed jabs and hooks, and tying up the visitor in close quarters.

But Marcel never wavered in his relentless aggressiveness. Even when the gruelling pace began to tell, and he showed signs of tiring during the middle rounds, Cerdan continued to bore forward, chin hunched behind shoulders, both arms pumping away ceaselessly.

At times, Abrams, unable to hold off the determined visitor, was forced, in self defense, to stand head to head with him and trade punches. But slugging is not Georgie's forte, and almost invariably he was the one to give ground in these wild exchanges.

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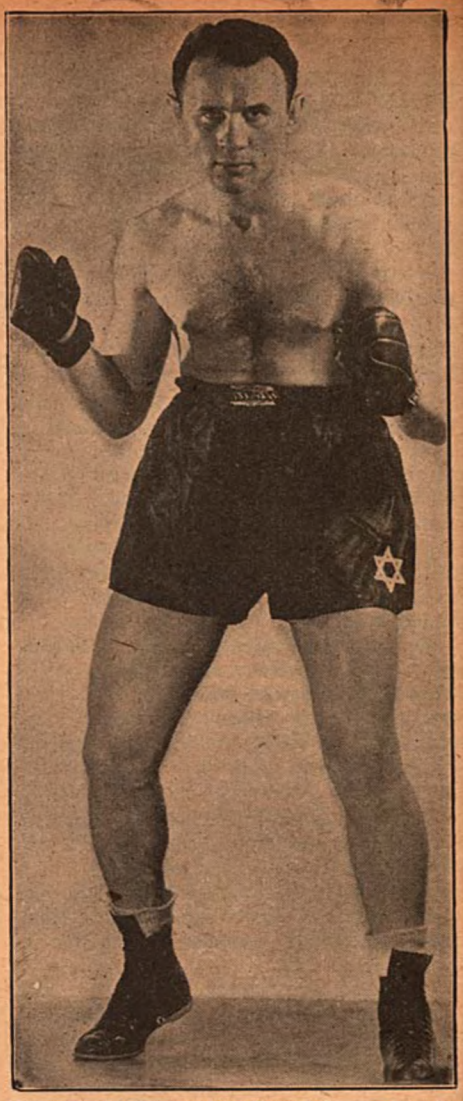
AT THE close of the eighth round it was anybody's fight. Abrams, the smart, cagey ring general, had slowly but surely cut down the big lead piled up by Cerdan in the early frames. But Marcel, seemingly getting his "second win," came on strong in the last two frames with a furious rally that cinched the verdict for him.

The ninth was a particularly rough stanza for Abrams. Midway through the session, Cerdan nailed him with a vicious left hook to the chin that spun him around and down to his gloye tips. Though hurt and dazed, the Washington veteran was up immediately, only to be driven to the ropes and doubled almost in half with a terrific left to the body. Abrams needed all his skill, experience and courage to avoid disaster as Cerdan swarmed all over him, fighting desperately to finish his rival.



Georgie Abrams, who shared honors with Cerdan in Garden thriller.

Cerdan continued his furious assault in the tenth, but Abrams, near exhaustion, and with a nasty gash over his right eye bleeding profusely, fought back with as courageous an exhibition as Garden fans have seen. Several times during this hectic round Georgie's legs buckled under him from lusty clouts to the head and body, but he managed to weather the rough going and reel through to the final bell.

While the decision to Cerdan was unanimous with the referee, Ruby Goldstein, and the judges, Frank Forbes and Marty Monroe, a tabulation of the scoring slips evidenced the actual closeness of the battle. While Goldstein gave Cerdan a decisive margin of six rounds, to two for Abrams and two drawn, both judges voted the bout even on a rounds-won tally, but awarded the visitor the verdict on a points basis.

The 16,971 Americans who contributed a gross gate of $83,859 to witness the struggle are quite prepared to agree that forty million Frenchmen cannot be wrong.

Marcel Cerdan is a fighter, every inch and 160 pounds of him!

McCoy's Knockout of Ryan Was a Stunner

Wily Kid's 15 Round Triumph for Welter Title in 1896 Gave Him Long-Plotted Revenge Against Tommy

By DANIEL M. DANIEL

BOXING has given us no more colorful figure than Kid McCoy, he who was born Norman Selby and whose exploits in and out of the ring ranged from London to Maine to California, from drawing room in New York to San Quentin prison.

It is not our intent here to go into McCoy's life—his lightning succession of romances, his periodic marital changes, his ultimate trial for murder, his incarceration, and then death.

However, it is our desire to stress the protean abilities of Kid McCoy—the real McCoy—as a clever boxer, as a ring innovator, as a shrewd, even conniving performer who left his indelible imprint on the history of the sport, and on the technique of the science.

McCoy was the welterweight champion of the world just 50 years ago. He outgrew that division and laid claim to the middleweight title—and with powerful support, too, against the counterblasts of Tommy Ryan and Philadelphia Jack O'Brien. Soon came Stanley Ketchel, and swept all the old-timers out of the picture.

McCoy wasn't a stickler for weights. He battled heavies with the perfect aplomb with which he tackled welters. His engagement with the Dutchman Plaacke stands out as one of the museum pieces of our all-time ring display. Plaacke was a Behemoth, albeit a bum. "Your shoe lace is untied," said the Kid as he pointed downward. Plaacke looked, McCoy punched, and they carried the huge Hollander off on a shutter.

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McCOY participated in many a dramatic contest. His five-round knockout of Peter Maher in 1900 was a wily job. His fifth-round defeat by Jim Corbett, an affair which some people regarded as being of dubious earnestness, served to publicize the Kid's famous corkscrew punch. He is listed as its inventor, just as Bob Fitzsimmons is regarded as the first to have struck the solar plexus drive, to stop Corbett in 1897. The corkscrew blow was landed with a twist of the arm.

Yes, there were tricky affairs, colorful fights, scientific triumphs in the McCoy history.

But to us, the Kid's 15-round knockout of Tommy Ryan, for the welter title, at Maspeth, L. I., now inside the city limits of New York, on March 2, 1896, was his chief d'oeuvre.

Into this fight were thrown all the elements of the McCoy makeup—skill, punch, ring generalship, downright trickery, suspense, surprise.

When the Maspeth match was made, Ryan was the welter king, one of the greatest boxers in the history of the game, a real 145-pounder.

McCoy could not make anything better than 158. At Maspeth, oddly enough, even though the fight involved the title, there was no weighing in. The Kid always maintained that he had come in at the agreed limit of 158. It is known that he could not have weighed less even if he had had a leg amputated.

In any event, McCoy had been Ryan's sparring partner while Tommy was training in Detroit to fight Nonpareil Jack Dempsey in New Orleans in 1894.

McCoy did not impress Ryan. Nor did Ryan hit it off with McCoy. They became the deadliest of enemies.

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AFTER the Kid had knocked out Ryan, he spun quite a yarn. It told of mistreatment, of venom and hate and revenge.

Said McCoy, "Ryan signed me as sparring partner for $15 a week and cakes. The cakes consisted of board and a room in a cheap lodging house, $3.50 a week. While Ryan had steaks, I had hash.

"To Ryan I was just a scrub fighter. He would have liked to make a human punching bag out of me. But I would not let him. My elbows bothered him. He was afraid of hurting his hands on them.

"What bothered me most was his feinting. He was a master at that. How he could draw an opponent out with a fake, half-finished blow! I learned a lot from Tommy.

"Ryan used to jeer me in front of the crowd at the Detroit A. C. He would ask why I did not hit harder. He called me yellow. I said nothing, but resentment kept growing in my heart.

"One evening we boxed late and when I got to my boarding house the dining room was closed. I had no money. I dropped into Considine's place, where Ryan was holding forth, and told him of my predicament.

" 'Kid, here's a dime, get yourself some coffee and doughnuts,' Ryan said, so all could hear.

"I could have killed Ryan on the spot. But I walked out and said, 'Kid, here's one man you've got to punish, if you do nothing else in your whole life.' "

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TWO years rolled by fast enough. McCoy had got his start as a fighter. He had even gone to England. But he had yet to sell himself to New York. He had married an actress named Lottie Piehler and they had moved to the metropolis. There he became friendly with Dick Cooke, gambler and politician, who ran a big poolroom in Long Island City.

Cooke gave McCoy $5 a day to attend to the door. The Kid and his bride moved into a little flat on Elm Street in Astoria.

Cooke backed McCoy in a number of fights. The most notable of these was McCoy's two-round knockout of Tommy West. The Kid said, "Now I am ready for Ryan, and revenge!"

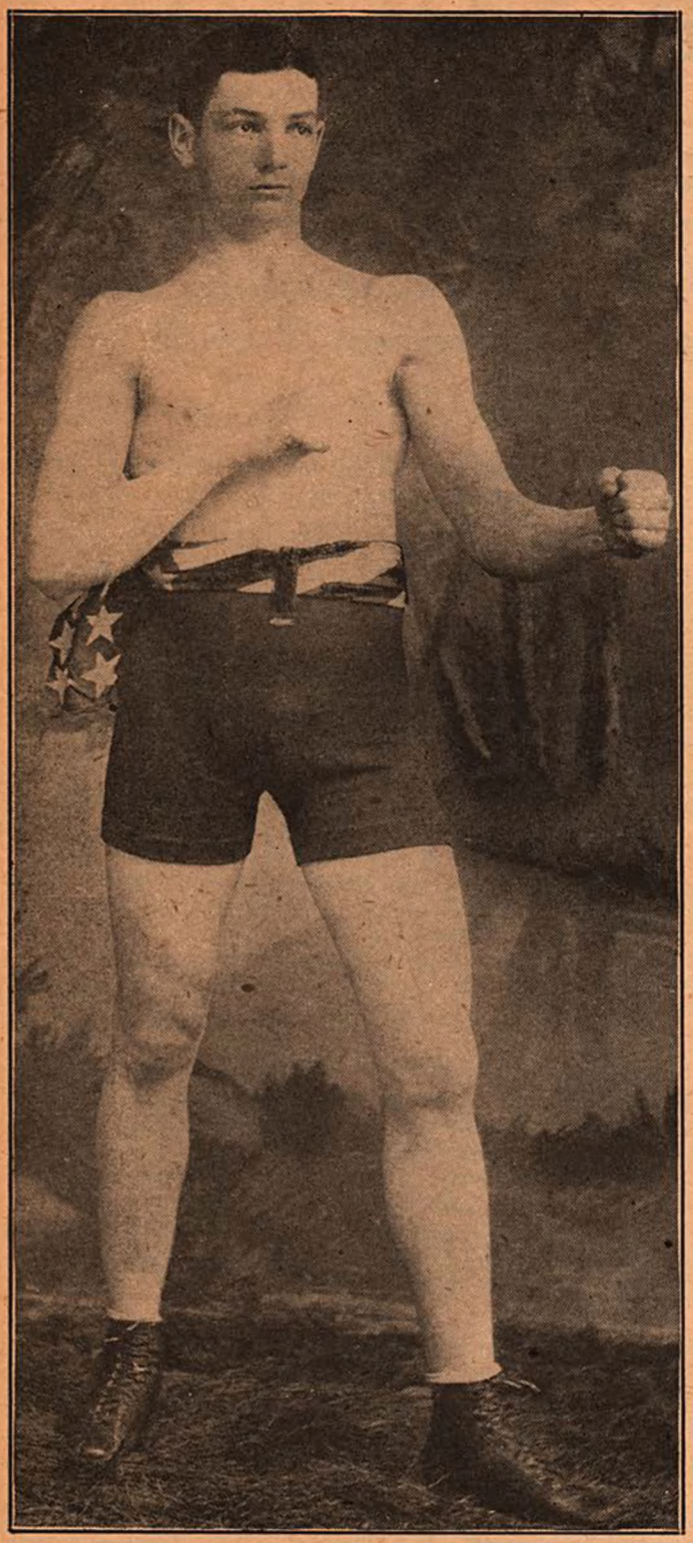
Cooke introduced McCoy to Jim Kennedy, who was promoting fights at the Empire A. C. in Maspeth and Jim agreed to put up a $5000 purse for a fight between the welterweight king and the Indiana challenger.

That was a lot of money in those days. McCoy hastened to write to Ryan, who was in Syracuse.

Just what the Kid did write to Tommy, nobody ever will know because they offered different versions.

McCoy always insisted that he had tricked Ryan by telling him he was down and out, broke, in need of a stake, and in no condition to fight for the championship.

Ryan always insisted that he had not been fooled by McCoy's



Kid McCoy as he appeared when he tackled Tommy Ryan.

letter. But Ryan had been fooled in another way. He felt that he could dispose of McCoy even without training.

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McCOY said he wrote, "Don't be a hog and demand most of the $5000. You know how easy you can beat me."

Ryan came down to New York and met McCoy at the Vendome Hotel on Broadway and 41st Street. Then they rode downtown to the offices of the *Police Gazette* in the shadow of Brooklyn Bridge. They met Sam Austin, the editor.

Ryan kept hollering for 75 per cent, and McCoy kept insisting on a 35 per cent break for the loser.

"I knew I could whip Ryan, and would get the winner's end, but I wanted to impress the idea of my inferiority on Tommy as much as I could," the Kid explained in later years.

According to McCoy, the articles drawn up by Austin called for 158 pounds ringside. Yet, Ryan has said that there was no weighing-in. And if at 158 pounds, how was that fight labeled for the welter title, how did Ryan let the title go without a violent protest, and why is this listed among the welterweight championship contests?

In any event, Ryan and McCoy signed, Kennedy agreed to put up the $5000, and the date was set.

McCoy later said that he did all his training in secret at the New Manhattan A. C. in New York, with Steve O'Donnell as his sparring partner. The Kid went ten, fifteen rounds every day, spent the early morning hours on the roads around Astoria, and got himself into the greatest condition of his life.

Ryan conceivably figured that he would meet an untrained hunger-bitten Kid. In any event, Tommy did next to no training himself, and on the night of March 2, 1896, entered the ring at Maspeth in rotten shape.

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THERE weren't many in the house. Not more than 3000. Few fight fans around New York figured McCoy to have a chance. In addition, a terrific sleet storm had struck the Metropolitan area and it was no night for going out to a fight far from the center of New York town. The Maspeth arena was a board affair with big chinks in the walls. Through these came the 70-mile gale.

The arena was indeed a cold place. But the fight was hot enough.

Before the battle, Ryan adopted the patronizing air. He slapped McCoy on the chest and said, "All he knows, I taught him."

McCoy is quoted as having said, "Yes, Tommy, you gave me my first lesson and I am going to give you your last."

"Hear the Kid!" shouted Ryan. The champion had ruled a 4-to-1 favorite, with no takers, but when McCoy's backers began to gobble up those odds at the ringside, the figure dropped to 2 to 1.

In the opening round, Ryan tried his feinting tricks, but they got him nowhere. The Kid called the turn. He knew what every fake move of the champion portended.

McCoy clipped Ryan with a left to the jaw, but did not attempt to set the pace or dictate the speed of the fight. The crowd seemed to think that it would be over soon. Certainly Tom was playing with the Hoosier!

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THE second and third heats were no more interesting. Nor did McCoy offer to push up the tempo. In the second it looked as if the fight would be ended by Dame Nature and the gale that was rocking the arena. A tremendous mass of snow and ice rolled off the roof, which sagged and appeared to be about to collapse.

The Kid looked up apprehensively and Ryan lashed out for his jaw. McCoy dodged, just in the nick of time. That was the only time during the 15 rounds that Tommy came near landing a serious blow.

As the fourth round opened, the betting was that McCoy would not answer the bell for the eleventh.

The Kid opened up. He crashed a right to the heart and scored heavily. Tommy soon was in distress.

McCoy kept piling up his advantage into the eighth. That round was plain murder for Ryan.

McCoy might have stopped Tommy before the tenth, but he didn't want to. He felt that he had the champion where he wanted him and could finish him any old time.

Rather did The Kid want to punish Ryan, to cut him up, knock out his teeth, break his nose. There was no mercy in McCoy—the real McCoy.

In the ninth round, McCoy sent Ryan down twice. The Kid's seconds pleaded with him to end it. But he refused.

"I want that guy to quit," McCoy said. "I am not going to put him out."

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EVERY time Ryan went down, Tim Hurst, the referee, tolled the slowest seconds a ring official ever had called off. Tim was unbelieving, obviously sympathetic. And McCoy didn't care if he gave Ryan a minute's rest. He had him!

When the gong sounded for the fifteenth, Ryan was the messiest sight. His face was slashed to ribbons.

McCoy rushed Ryan to the ropes, and then shot a right to the jaw.

"After Hurst had counted a very slow nine, Ryan got up," McCoy said years afterward.

"I could have knocked him cold but refused. I gave him a shove and he went down again. He stayed down. Ryan just could not get to his feet again, and they carried him to his corner, knocked out by the man whom he had despised.

"At the age of 23, I was the champion of the world. Ryan was only 26.

"Brooklyn Jimmy Carroll and I went into Ryan's dressing room and there he lay, beaten up. He said, 'Well, Kid, you licked me. Will you promise to box me again if I give a benefit for myself?'

"I knew he was up to some trick. I said, 'Any time you get $2500 together I will fight you for it. Meanwhile, here's a dime for coffee and doughnuts, in case you're broke.' I tossed down the coin, just as Ryan had tossed me that dime in Considine's place in Detroit.

"I was even with the one man I hated most in the world."

McCoy's triumph was one of the ring sensations of a decade. The sports pages hollered for a return match. So did Ryan. The affair was steamed up properly, and eventually Tommy and McCoy signed for a fight in Ryan's own bailiwick, Syracuse, N. Y., for September 8, 1897.

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THIS second meeting turned into a fiasco. It is in the books as a five-round draw.

The police stopped the fight because they "believed it was about to develop into a brutal exhibition, contrary to the Horton Law." This law forbade prize fighting but permitted "sparring contests."

"McCoy just had taken a terrific blow on the left kidney and appeared to be in a bad way," the police insisted.

The affair left a terrible smell. There was an investigation at City Hall, but nothing came of it. Ryan was said to be suffering from dysentery and in no condition to engage in a real fight.

There was still another McCoy-Ryan engagement, on May 29, 1900, at Tattersall's in Chicago, and it ended in a riot.

The articles of agreement stipulated that if both fighters were on their feet after six rounds, it was to be called a draw.

Imagine Tommy's amazement when Referee Malachi Hogan gave the decision to McCoy.

Hogan insisted that nobody had told him of this arrangement, and the decision stood. As the referee started from the ring, Ryan shot one to Mal's neck and knocked him down into the arms of some ringsiders.

Hogan clambered back and walloped Ryan with a left to the jaw, and Tommy dropped into the arms of some cops. Meanwhile the fans kept hollering for Hogan to kill Ryan, and what with one thing and another, it was quite an affair. The record book gives the fight to McCoy.

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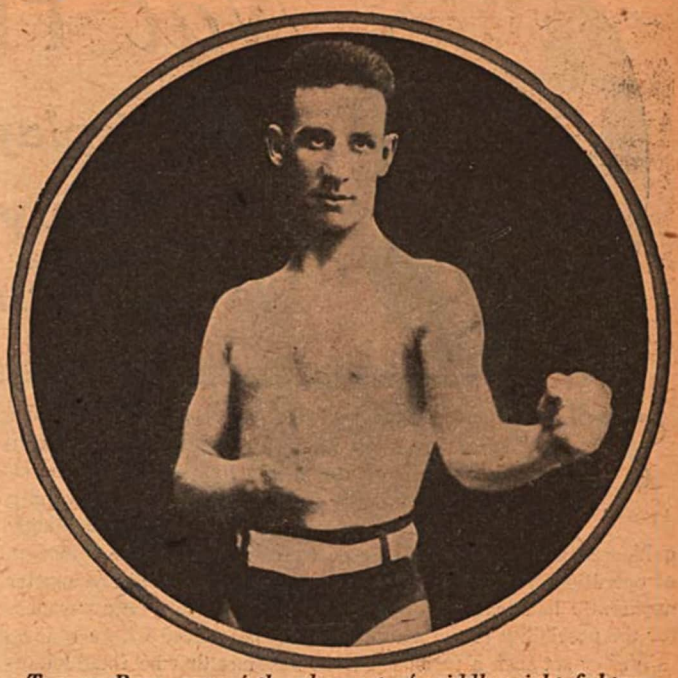
IT is only fair that the Ryan version of happenings before the fight at Maspeth should be given here. Here it is:

"I was training in Detroit to box Jack Dempsey at the Detroit Athletic Club the latter part of 1894. Parson Davies engaged McCoy to work with me at McCoy's suggestion. He did not care for the money consideration as he wanted to learn to box. He was eager to train with me.



Tommy Ryan, one of the cleverest of middleweight fighters.

"At that time, as he was not strong and knew nothing whatsoever about the finer points of fighting, McCoy was with me a number of months and boxed with me often. At that time he was no good as a sparring partner, for he would stop in the middle of a bout if he was hit hard. However, I always showed him my style of boxing and he picked it up very readily.

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"IN regard to my contest with McCoy at Maspeth in 1896, we did not weigh in before going into the ring. McCoy weighed about 158 pounds and I'm pretty certain that is what the weight was supposed to be. I think that was the only time that McCoy weighed that little and won a fight. I don't exactly know what I weighed, but my weight in condition at that time was never beyond from 142 to 145 pounds.

"McCoy just had returned from England where he had been defeated by a man named White. I was in New York and came across McCoy and he kept telling me that he was in extreme hard luck and that he was boarding with his family in Long Island at a man's home who was interested in the club at Maspeth and that if he could get a match with some good fellow with a reputation, this man would put the bout on and McCoy could get a little money.

"At that time I was welterweight champion and could fight at 145 pounds and McCoy was 158 or 160 pounds, had no reputation and was known by less than a handful of sportsmen. I was a friend of McCoy's and thought I was doing him a special favor and told him that if he could get the club in Maspeth to put him on I would fight him. But I never dreamed that the club would do so. It was more of a joke on my part than a honest-to-goodness agreement. It was agreed by us to split the purse regardless of the outcome, so certain was I that there would be no bout.

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"WHEN the match was made I really took it up as a huge joke and did not train at all for the fight. For the life of me I cannot understand why McCoy wants the sporting public to believe that by writing me letters as he says he did, he got me tricked into making the match with him.

"In the first place I had already made the match with him as I said above, just as a joke as I never intended to train. He was unknown, outweighed me fifteen or twenty pounds and I could get no money for fighting him that amounted to anything. I was welterweight champion and with plenty of welterweights to box at my own weight. Why would I go out of my class to fight McCoy, if it were not for friendship's sake?"

Nat FLEISCHER says:

Bob Displays His Championship Skill

Montgomery Adds to the Ring Prestige

Eleven Boxing Deaths Shock the Nation

THE Bob Montgomery-Wesley Mouzon brawl in Philadelphia's Convention Hall, for the New York-Pennsylvania version of the world lightweight championship, again proved the futility of sending a boy on a man's errand. Inexperience never was more strikingly evidenced in an important ring engagement than in the campaign of operations followed by the 19-year-old Mouzon. The youngster apparently had trained for a short bout and made no allowances for the possibility of the match going its prescribed fifteen rounds.

Wesley set such a furious pace at the start that he fought himself out in a few rounds, and as he tired, and the veteran Montgomery began to assume charge, it became only a question of how far the youngster would go. Making the lightweight limit also contributed to Mouzon's defeat. In this important detail someone slipped badly. Wesley, a tall, rangy kid, had been fighting at from 138 to 140 pounds. With proper training, he probably could have reduced to 135 without weakening himself too seriously. But it certainly did not benefit his cause to come in at 132¾. He was drawn entirely too fine.

The ringwise Montgomery was smart enough to handle the weight problem as it should have been handled. It also was an effort for the Bobcat to make 135, but he has had experience doing it before, and he knew how to treat the problem. When he stepped on the scales, he hit the figure smack on its nose.

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MONTGOMERY may not be quite the efficient mechanic he was in pre-war days, but he still is a cagey ringman, and well endowed with what in better circles is referred to as intestinal fortitude. They don't make 'em much gamer than Bob.

Montgomery had learned a bitter lesson from his disastrous non-title meeting with Mouzon three months previously, when he was knocked out in the second round. He had no intention, in the encore engagement, of taking any needless chances. A notoriously slow starter, he warmed up for several rounds in his dressing room before the bout, and when the opening gong clanged he was ready for his youthful rival.

Even at that, the going was exceedingly rough for the veteran in the early stanzas. Mouzon set a blistering pace, piling up a big lead with his jolting jabs and hooks, while Montgomery bobbed and weaved his way forward, determined to work his way into close quarters. It was the infighting that eventually decided the issue. Montgomery's relentless body attack began to take effect from the fourth round on, and Mouzon tired rapidly.

The finish was clocked at 2.18 of the eighth round. Montgomery had crowded his lanky opponent into a neutral corner, ripped a volley of punches to the midsection, then suddenly shifted his attack to the chin. A flurry of rights and lefts sent Mouzon reeling back against the ropes, and a left hook draped him across the lower strand for the full count.

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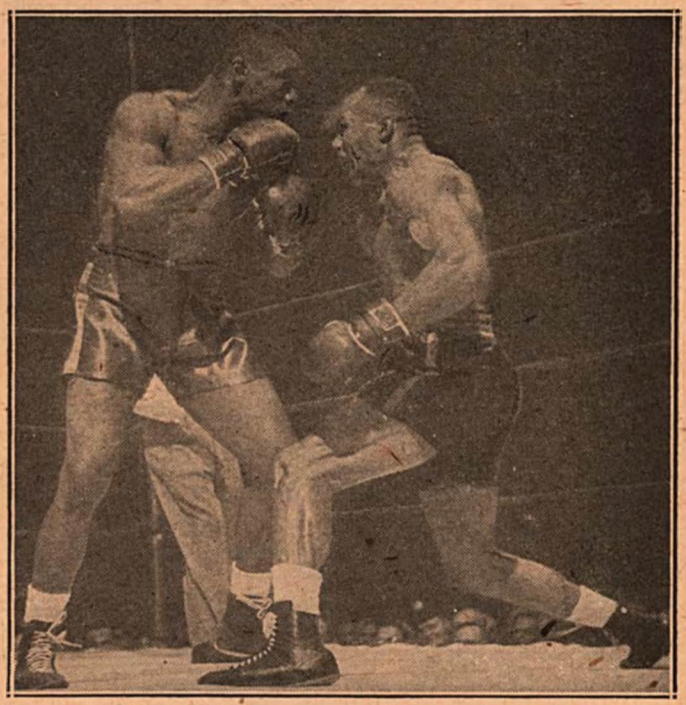
THE battle, packing Convention Hall with 12,416 paid customers, set a new record for indoor receipts for boxing in Philadelphia. The gross was $84,414, bettering the old high of $57,199 registered by Joe Louis and Gus Dorazio on February 17, 1941, when Shufflin' Joe was engaged in his Bum-of-the-Month campaign. The top for that bout, however, was only $5, while ringsides for the Montgomery-Mouzon fracas were tabbed at $12.



The unexpected knockout failed to materialize when vaunted heavyweight punchers, Elmer Ray (left) and Jersey Joe Walcott, clashed in Madison Square Garden. Both rivals fought earnestly enough, but nobody was hurt, and Ray (left) received close decision in ten rounds.

The Bobcat's win saved the New York State Athletic Commission a bit of embarrassment. Had Mouzon won, he naturally would have been recognized in the Empire State as world lightweight champion. But there happens to be a rule on the books that prohibits youngsters under 21 from boxing more than eight rounds. It would have been a strange twist, indeed, to have a champion limited to preliminary routes! There are many star bout battlers fighting in New York through the subterfuge of adding a few years to their age and they have been found equal to the occasion of hitting in ten-round bouts. Wouldn't it be better to alter or eliminate this rule, Lt.Col. Eagan?

Incidentally, isn't it about time a sensible solution was offered to the lightweight title controversy? It's utterly silly having New York and Pennsylvania recognize Montgomery as champion, and the rest of the world, covered by the National Boxing Association, giving the nod to Ike Williams.

After all, both the middleweight and featherweight muddles were satisfactorily cleared up by the simple process of matching the rival claimants. In 1941, Tony Zale and Georgie Abrams hooked up in Madison Square Garden, and after ten years of confusion, the 160-pound division finally had an undisputed and universally-recognized champion when Zale won. The featherweight title had been kicked around among a varied assortment of claimants for nearly eight years before Willie Pep knocked out Sal Bartolo in the Garden last June, and cleared up the

mess in the 126-pound division.

The New York Commission which made Beau Jack champion and then enabled Montgomery to gain the title should order and compel Montgomery to fight Williams to eradicate this double championship confusion. Lt. Col. Eagan insists his commission is no matchmaker, yet in past years the Board has frequently ordered bouts. It seems to me that one of the primary functions of a commission is to protect the sport and to foster its progress. How better to do this than to end a confusion brought about by its own action.

Let's get busy and see that a Montgomery-Williams match is made.

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AT New Britain, Conn., a few weeks ago, Jimmy Jennette knocked down Jose De Medina 21 times and then won the decision in a bout of ten rounds.

Though there have been more knockdowns in previous contests, this number constitutes a record for a bout of this distance.

In most states it is impossible for a fighter to floor his opponent so often because of the rule that requires the halting of a one-sided mill after a boxer has been dropped to the canvas three times in one round. It is a good rule and should be adopted by all commissions as a means to halt fatalities and injuries.

If something of this nature had happened in this bout, the officials would probably have issued the stereotyped statement, "An unavoidable accident. Both men were in perfect physical condition when passed by the medical examiner."

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SPEAKING of deaths and injuries, several more were recorded during the past month. Perhaps if more parents followed the action of Mrs. Raoul Guenette, the various state boxing commissions might come to life and put a stop to the frightful conditions now prevailing throughout the country which have resulted in a record number of ring killings and in the physical wreck of many boxers by taking the necessary precautions to guard against "accidents."

Mrs. Guenette recently filed a suit in the Superior Court of Montreal for $5000 damages against Promoter Lucien Audette for the death of her son who fought under the name of Roland Prairie. She claims in her action that there is a rule in boxing which prohibits a boy from participating in a bout before a proper period of rest following his preceding contest. In the case of her son, she declares that the promoter permitted the lad to box too soon after an earlier bout which she alleges had left him in poor physical condition. The 18-year-old boy died a few hours after he had been taken to a hospital following his fight with Kid Point at Quebec.

The jury will decide whether the promoter is responsible, but I place the responsibility for most of our fatal injuries at the door of the boxing commissions because of the lack of supervision. In New York, for example, where boxing is controlled, in my opinion, better than in any other state, we have had deaths and injuries which I attribute to improper supervision. New York gets more money out of boxing than any other ten states combined, yet it has no supervisor of gymnasiums, to note the condition of the men who are to engage in the New York area. Its top heavy payroll of deputies, sub-deputies, inspectors, judges and referees, consist mainly of politicians who lack the necessary training to carry on efficiently.

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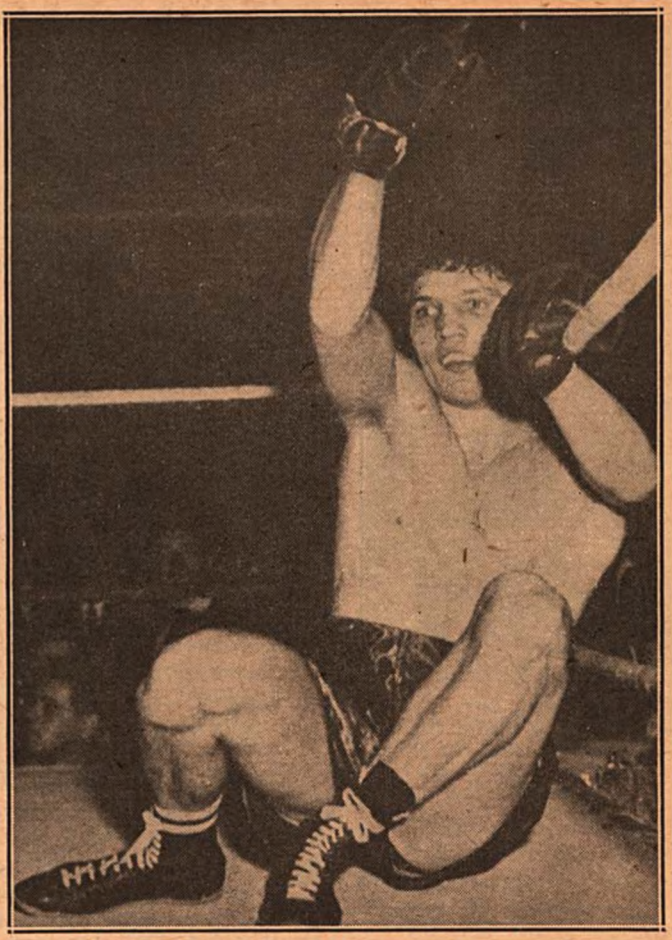
IN New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut and California, the worst conditions prevail. In these states lads who fight one night in one city, take part in another the next night and often fight three and four times a week, frequently under phoney names. Promoters in New England have frequently called me on the long distance telephone asking if such and such a fighter fought in Connecticut, since the same lad "appeared" in a bout in their locality that same night.

The answer? Unscrupulous managers who book good name fighters but supply punk talent under those good names.



His audacity in blasting Ray Robinson to the canvas for a nine count in fourth round boomeranged at Artie Levine in sensational battle in Cleveland. Robinson came back from his near defeat to knock Levine out in the tenth round for the first kayo setback in Artie's career.

Every commission should have a special supervisor of gymnasiums, one who knows the game from A to Z, and it should be his duty to report punchy fighters, has-beens no longer able to carry on, physical incompetents and the like, for the protection of the boys and the game. In New York such a man, who should be made the chief inspector, is Jimmy Bronson, a most qualified, most competent judge of fighters and fights, a man whose education and charming personality would add considerable prestige to the leading boxing center of the world.

The State could well afford to drop many of the incompetents now on the boxing commission payroll for the appointment of such a man and another inspector who could act as a confidential advisor to the commission on "behind-the-scenes" matters that affect the sport.

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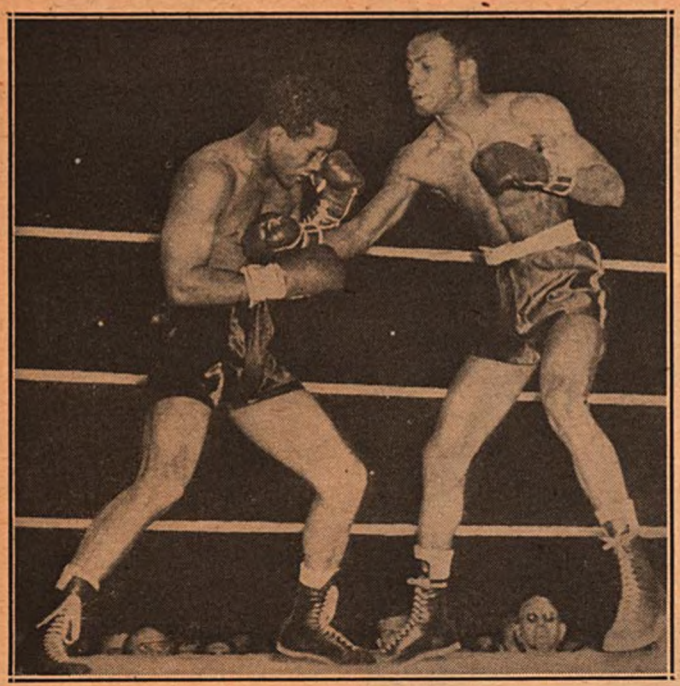
A FEW WEEKS ago, the Rhode Island State Athletic Commission held a meeting to take steps to eradicate abuses associated with boxing in New England. This was done after the ring death of Robert "Bobby" Burton of Pittsburgh. Charles Reynolds, head of the commission, issued invitations to the New England officials urging them to meet in order to discuss the tightening of ring regulations. Primarily on the agenda, was the prevention of fighters from participating in four or more bouts a week, as is prevalent throughout the East. This is done by managers, booking agents and promoters of the get-rich-quick type.

None but those who keep indexed records of all professional fighters as I do, can realize to what extent this is done. I have great difficulty keeping tabs on these phonies.

In New York City there are seven fighters who use one fighting name one day when battling in the Big City, another the next night when appearing in Connecticut, a third the following night when boxing in New Jersey and then reappear in New York and



19-year-old Johnny Bratton, Chicago lightweight, hits the headlines by scoring an upset victory over veteran Willie Joyce in ten rounds in Chicago. Here Bratton (right) is pictured scoring with a hard right to Joyce's chest.

elsewhere under their regular nom de guerre a few nights later.

Is it any wonder that so many boys have been killed and maimed? The reason these lads can pull this stunt is because the commissions have politicians, and not boxing-wise inspectors on the state's payroll.

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CLOSER cooperation between commissions is necessary. Whether New York or Massachusetts is a member of the N.B.A. makes little difference. Its commissions are duly appointed for the protection of those in boxing hence they must toss aside all jealousies and work harmoniously towards the one goal—the protective measures that will insure the good health of those engaged in furnishing the people its boxing entertainment.

No boxer should be permitted to fight more than once a week and by that I mean only once every seven days. Often boys have participated in New York on Friday in the Garden and on Monday in the St. Nicholas Club, or on Saturday at the Ridgewood Club and the following Monday or Tuesday at another.

There is plenty of excellent talent among the boys in the lower ranks to give others a chance instead of continuously sanctioning fights with the same faces.

Let's have a change that will stop the vicious yet properly directed nation-wide fight against boxing because of recent fatalities.

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WHEN one considers that this year for the first time in more than two decades, the deaths in professional boxing exceed those in the more strenuous sport of football, he must realize that radical changes in the present setup are necessary. I have seen dirty, filthy canvas-covered rings in many states, even in our own big city—a condition that often brings on blindness following a knockdown with face against the floor.

I have seen torn canvas-covered rings that endanger the limbs of the fighters; dirty towels used by seconds, a menace to the health of the lads on whom these are used and unsanitary implements of the trade handled by most incompetent seconds. Yet this continues with our commissions sitting idly by, doing nothing but watching the fights and taking things easy.

How many state commissions have called a conference of their referees, judges, managers and seconds, for a heart-to-heart talk on their professional duties? How many have had a quiz at any time during the past year to enlighten the men on the rules of the sport under which they work?

I know of none since the late Bill Brown called together judges and referees and quizzed them personally to see what they didn't know and he told me he learned that the majority were unfit for the duty to which they were regularly assigned and he insisted on ousting them by keeping them on the sidelines without any assignments. Thus he forced a number to resign.

If fatalities, injuries, better decisions, incompetent handling of fighters and mismatches are to be curbed, those in control should be examined from time to time and those not up to the mark, from inspectors down to the seconds, should be weeded out of boxing. Commissions should also forget that they are not matchmakers and sanction only such fights as are worthy of being billed.

Dr. Floyd R. Eastwood of Purdue University, in a preliminary report on the football season up to October 1, said that there were thirteen deaths in football this year as against eleven in pro boxing in this country and in football only two were in college games. Only twice in five years have deaths in college gridiron games been recorded. The greatest number of football deaths was reported in 1931 when 49 players were fatally injured.

If the colleges could take such excellent precautions against deaths to reduce that large number of fifteen years ago to only two in the last five years, there is no reason why boxing can't do likewise. It is all a matter of better supervision by our commissions.

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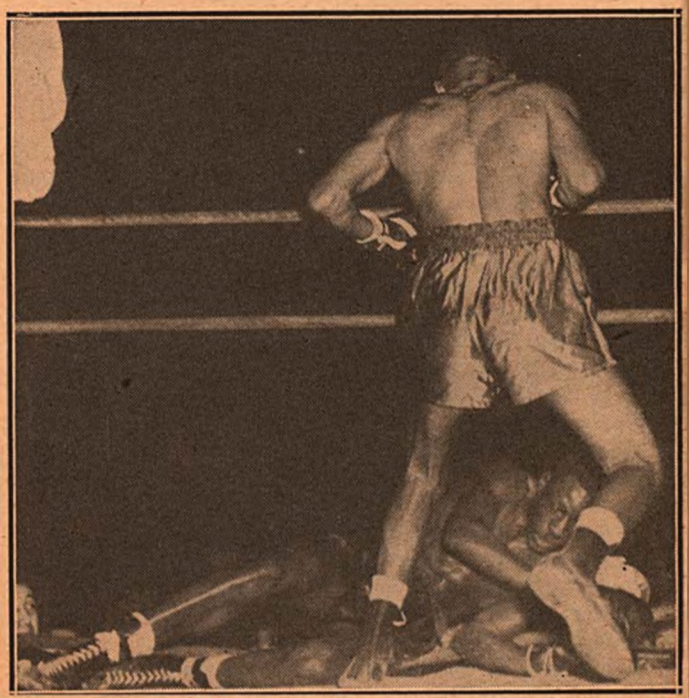
COMMISSIONER ED RAINS of Pennsylvania is one of the few state officials in charge of boxing in this country, who knows the game from A to Z and has accomplished much for the betterment of the sport, yet I here quote from the column of Cleveland's ace sports critic, Franklin Lewis, to strengthen my claim that even the best of the commissions must clean house, put boxing in order by saner and safe supervision and control, if they hope to keep the sport on the high plane it enjoyed in pre-war days and halt a nation-wide urge for the repeal of legalized boxing.

"When the dinner-jacketed announcer made his first appearance in the prize fight ring at Pittsburgh's Duquesne Garden a few weeks ago, he shouted into his old-style microphone, 'Please turn out the lights and bring some resin to the ring.'

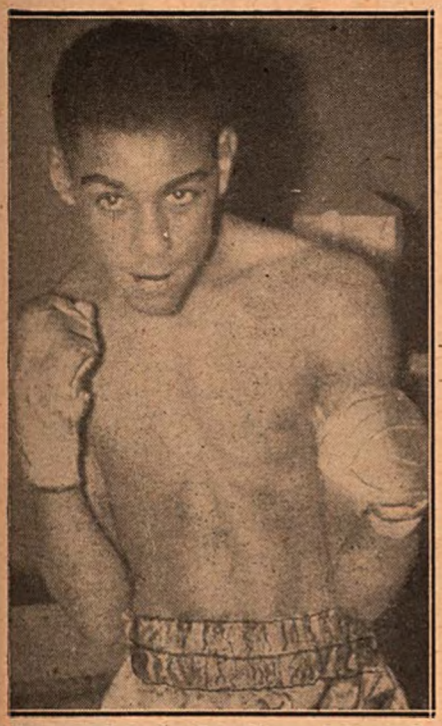
"He made this *(Continued on page 35)*



The knockout of Wesley Mouzon by Bob Montgomery in their fight for the world lightweight championship as recognized by New York and Pennsylvania. The bout ended in the eighth round.

LITTLE RHODY'S FISTIC STARS

By DANNY NARDI



Benny Del Gado, Providence lightweight.

THE winner and new Middleweight Champion of Rhode Island was the announcer's statement over the mike, following one of Gene Farland's recent victories. After compiling a fine record in Rhode Island and New York State C.Y.O. amateur tournaments, with his top achievement a victory over the strong favorite Roman Alvarez in the finals of the Junior 135 pound class, Diamond Belt Tourney in Madison Square Garden, Farland, a southpaw battler from Cranston, and an honorably discharged Marine who received a shrapnel wound at Guadalcanal, won 28 straight pro fights before losing 2 closely-contested battles. These he dropped to ringwise and crafty Jimmy Sheppard of Chicago, 10th ranking middleweight in the December issue of THE RING Magazine and recent conqueror of the highly-rated Artie Levine of Brooklyn.

During this streak, 24 year old Gene defeated such good scrappers as Buddy Farrell, Curtis Lee, Red Clark and Young Lefty and kayoed the types of Beau Dollar, Irish Jimmy Mulligan of Lowell, Mass., former National Amateur Middleweight Champion, and Solly Zalter of Canada.

Following his two setbacks at the hands of Sheppard, Farland came back to defeat Eddie "Nonny" Soares of Providence, R. I., for the Middleweight Championship of Rhode Island. Gene received a championship belt for his victory. His next time out, Farland successfully defended his crown in a rousing ten rounder against veteran Al Costa of Woonsocket, R. I.

Gene is managed by Billy and Charley Lang, a brother, trainer-manager combination.

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JACKIE WEBER

PAWTUCKET, R. I., home of Joey Archibald, former featherweight champion of the world a few years back, has another star in 21 year old Jackie Weber, who the fans think is following Joey's footsteps to a crown. Jackie, who started fighting nine years ago at the age of 12 when he tipped the scales at 65 pounds, participated in 101 C.Y.O., Boys' Club and local Amateur scraps, with only one defeat to mar a perfect record. He won every tournament he participated in. Starting as a 65 pounder, Jackie ended his amateur days as a featherweight.

In less than a year following his honorable discharge from the Navy where the boy won 31 straight victories, Jackie has come a long way. At this writing he has an undefeated record of 22 straight pro victories to his credit. He has defeated among others, Freddie Yellavich of New Jersey, Tony Reno, Georgie Weaver, a stablemate of Willie Joyce, Nick Primiani and Leo Mucucci and has kayoed Oliver Desmarais, Romeo Duscharmes and Carter Holmes.

Manager Al Bailey, who has handled the boy since his amateur days, now has his charge hot on Champion Florient Desmarais' trail for a shot at Desmarais' New England lightweight crown.

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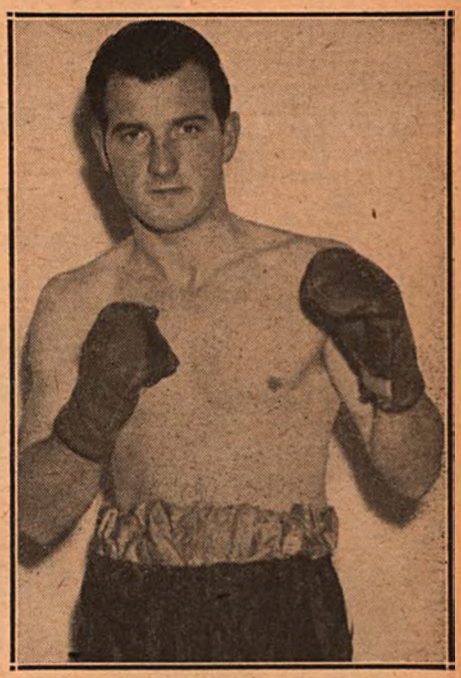
BENNY DEL GADO

A "COMER" with a great future are predictions of his manager, Bobby Viti, and Rhode Island fight fans about Benny Del Gado. This 18 year old, six foot Negro scrapper from Providence, a boxer-hitter combination and great crowd pleaser, reminds local fans of Ray "Sugar" Robinson. Many predict he will reach the heights, so good is he.

Del Gado, 1945 lightweight state amateur champ, who has in one year of pro boxing, 20 bouts under his belt, improves every time out. In the 20 contests he has emerged victorious 7 times. He was defeated twice and TKO'ed once.

Two of the defeats were the results of three rip-roaring battles with Florient Desmarais, rough, tough veteran scrapper from Manchester, N. H., and present New England lightweight champ. In all three, the boys battled from bell to bell and sent the fans home, hoarse from cheering. Benny also has defeated tough Jimmy Rizzo of Canada, Joe Terryo and Steve Bell and kayoed Sammy Mammone, Henry Scott, Jimmy Prior and Pedro Corchado.

Gene Farland, Cranston middleweight.



Jackie Weber, Pawtucket lightweight.

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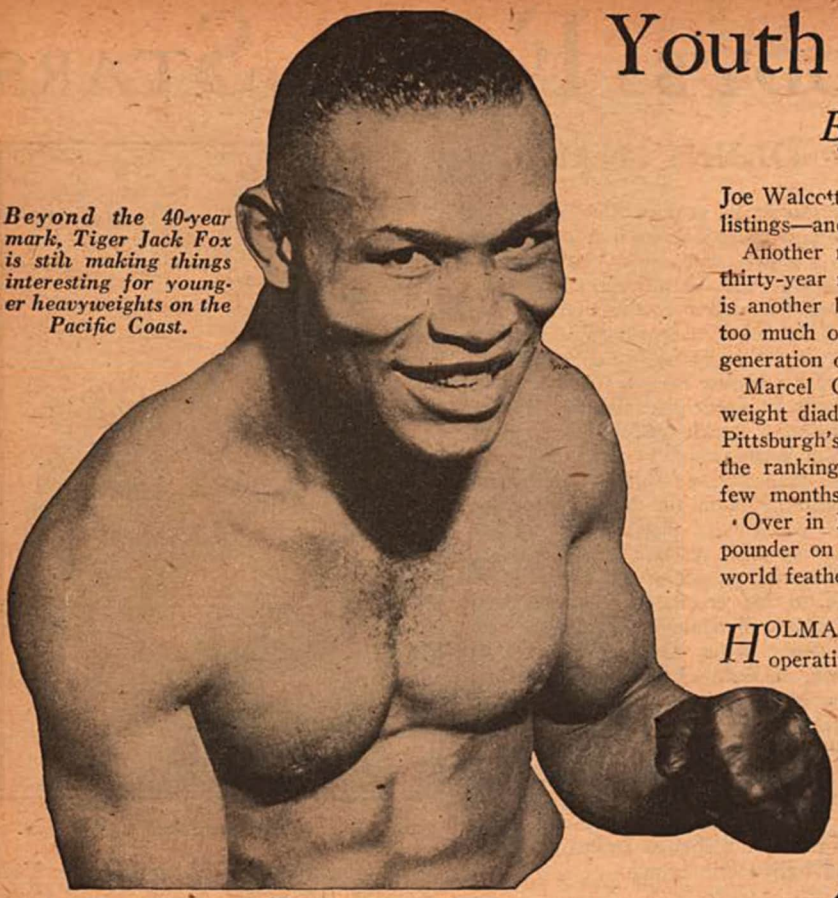
By JERSEY JONES



Beyond the 40-year mark, Tiger Jack Fox is stih making things interesting for younger heavyweights on the Pacific Coast.

GOLF an "old man's game"? Tsk, tsk, tsk!

The popular Scottish pastime, which generally is associated with the armchair-pipe-slippers stage of one's existence, hasn't much on the leather-pushing art these days.

Boxing is supposed to be for flaming youth, but you'd have a difficult time proving it by a check on the outstanding ringmen of the moment as listed in THE RING Record Book for 1947, now on the press.

It's beginning to look as though anybody who hasn't attained the ripe old age of thirty is practically an apprentice in the rugged trade of biffing beezers. The one and only Joe Louis, for instance, is thirty-two, and without even a vague hint of serious opposition in the heavyweight ranks. He stands alone.

At 41, Nel Tarleton, Britain's best featherweight, is tuning up for a world title match with Willie Pep in London.

Gus Lesnevich, also closing in on his thirty - second anniversary, still rules the light-heavy roost.

Tony Zale will have passed the thirty - three - year mark when he faces off against Rocky Graziano in their encore engagement for the middleweight title.

They may not have looked any too impressive in their recent get-together, but Jersey Joe Walcott and Elmer Ray still rate well up in the heavyweight listings—and both are in their early thirties, at least.

Another ranking heavyweight is Melio Bettina, who's hit the thirty-year mark, while Arturo Godoy, well along in his thirties, is another big 'un who hasn't been finding the advancing years too much of a problem in coping with the best of the younger generation of heavies.

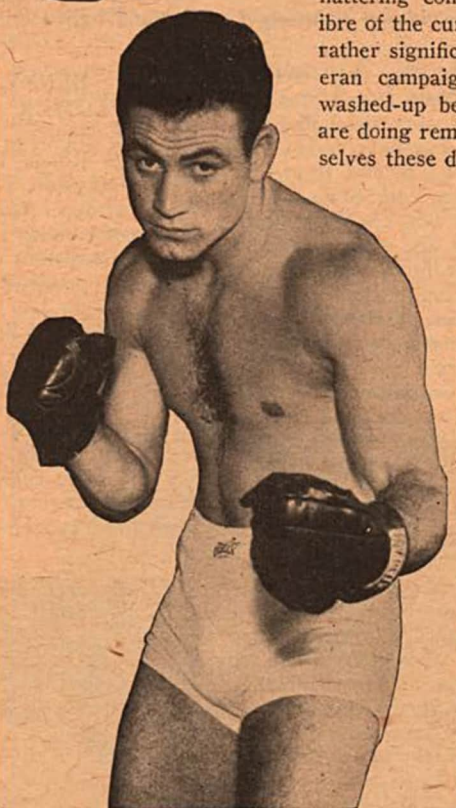
Marcel Cerdan, colorful French bidder for Zale's middleweight diadem, admits to having celebrated thirty birthdays, and Pittsburgh's Charley Burley, at the mere mention of whose name the ranking 160-pounders scamper hastily for cover, is only a few months away from the score and ten mark in years.

Over in Britain, 41-year-old Nel Tarleton, still the best 126-pounder on the tight little isle, is tuning up for his forthcoming world featherweight title engagement with Willie Pep in London!

HOLMAN WILLIAMS, one of the smartest and cleverest operatives in the middleweight ranks, is listed in the Record Book as having made his ring debut back in 1932.

And Manuel Ortiz continues to top the world's bantams, though the Californian has seen thirty years of existence on this turbulent globe.

It may represent a not precisely flattering commentary on the calibre of the current ringmen, but it's rather significant that a lot of veteran campaigners, supposedly washed-up before the recent war, are doing remarkably well for themselves these days.



Supposedly finished in 1941, Fred Apostoli, now 32, is staging a sensational comeback in middleweight competition..

For one, there is Fred Apostoli, one-time middleweight ace, who was supposed to be finished back in 1941, but apparently grabbed himself another lease on fistic life during his service in the Navy. Since returning to the ring, Fred has been winning consistently from the strongest opposition available in California. Apostoli is thirty-two.

Joe Matisi, Endicott, N. Y., heavy, is another old hand who's doing right well for himself. Joe has become a particularly good card in Buffalo, where, among other performances, he's knocked out Tommy Gomez and Joe Muscato and beaten Bill Weinberg.

Out on the Pacific Coast, Tiger Jack Fox still is tossing leather, and fairly successfully, too—though it is said by those who know that the Tiger has survived more than forty summers and winters on this mundane sphere.

Harry Jeffra, former bantam and feather champ, still is active at thirty-two, while K. O. Morgan, at thirty-seven, continues to fight aspiring featherweights.

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GOOD CLUB FIGHTERS

By EDDIE MERRILL

Herbie Kronowitz, New York middleweight, recently discharged from the Coast Guard.

DANNY CARABELLA

DANNY CARABELLA, a fast and skillful bantamweight, took up boxing as a lad of 14 because the bigger fellows were always picking on him. Now a seasoned, ringwise professional boxer, Carabella is still forced to tussle with the bigger boys because he finds it difficult to get 118-pounders to mingle with him.

A glance at Carabella's record will disclose some well-known featherweight and lightweight names, crack battlers whom Danny licked while spotting these men anywhere from 10 to 15 pounds. The Brooklyn-born Puerto Rican beat Mike Konnors, Joey Dolan, Augie Lapara, Johnny Juliano, Davey (Red) Allen and Bobby Richards with ease this year.

Carabella, whose ring style is fashioned after that of Lou Ambers, turned pro in 1940 while still attending Chelsea High School in New York. After graduating in 1941, he joined the Army and became a boxing instructor at various camps before going overseas. In 1943 Carabella whipped Jim Hayes, an English soldier, in a tournament of Army champions at Cairo, Egypt. Danny also scored victories in international service tourneys in Alexandria, Palestine, Syria, and in several European cities.

This year Carabella has won 10 of 14 contests.

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JACKIE CONNELLY

FIRST discovered by the late Jimmy Johnston, Irish Jackie Connelly, Long Island City lightweight, seems to be fulfilling the faith the beloved "Boy Bandit" had in him.

In 15 post-war starts, Jackie has been beaten twice, reversing one loss. Prior to serving two years in the Army with a tank destroyer outfit, Connelly was undefeated in 19 bouts, winning nine by kayoes.

Jackie was a favorite during the past outdoor season at the Queensboro Arena, where he was stopped by Lindy Miller, but came back two weeks later to stiffen his conqueror in a sensational brawl.

Connelly was born and raised in the borough of Queens, and was a leading member of his high school swimming team. He was also an altar boy at his neighborhood church. One of the handsomest mittmen performing, Jackie is hailed as "Boxing's Pinup Boy."

He is of Scotch-Irish descent. His father, John Connelly, is a veteran of over 100 ring battles, and held the British Army and Navy bantamweight titles during World War I. Jackie is married to the former Rosemary Foster. His fistic affairs are handled by Charley Johnston.

Jackie Connelly, lightweight from Long Island City, N. Y.

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TONY BERTUCCI

TONY BERTUCCI, a battling Italian truck driver from the tough Red Hook section of Brooklyn, has decided to make professional boxing a full time career after notching 14 wins in 16 starts this year.

Bertucci, one of 14 children, quit high school after his father died and became a bootblack to help support the family. Later, after serving as a truck driver's helper, he obtained a license and became a chauffeur. To supplement his weekly income, Tony began fighting professionally in May, 1945. He won four and lost four, and then laid off because of a nose injury. He resumed early this year. Between bouts Bertucci stuck to his driving job, but after three sparkling performances in Madison Square Garden, and a sensational knockout over Sonny Horne's kid brother Roland, Tony is chucking the trucking industry for the business of bashing beaks.

He is managed by boxing's "Thin Man," Nick Baffi.

Danny Carabella, Brooklyn-born Puerto Rican bantamweight.

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HERBIE KRONOWITZ

WHEN final tabulations are made, and the boxing experts have to select the "Battle of the Year" for 1946, the name of Herbie Kronowitz, rangy Coney Island middleweight, will figure prominently in the discussions.

For Kronowitz, recently discharged from

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Tony Bertucci, Brooklyn, New York, middleweight, who has 14 wins out of 16 starts in 1946.

How Boxers *of the* World *are* Grouped *by* "The Ring" for 1946

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Heavyweights
World's Champion
Joe Louis, Detroit, Mich.

Leading contenders in order of merit, based on year's performances:

1—Tami Mauriello, New York.
2—Billy Conn, Pittsburgh, Pa.
3—Elmer Ray, Minneapolis, Minn.
4—Bruce Woodcock, Doncaster, Eng.
5—Joe Walcott, Camden, N. J.
6—Curtis Sheppard, Baltimore, Md.
7—Joey Maxim, Cleveland, O.
8—Joe Baksi, Kulpmont, Pa.
9—Lee Q. Murray, Norwalk, Conn.
10—Melio Bettina, Beacon, N. Y.
11—Jimmy Bivins, Cleveland, O.
12—Phil Muscato, Buffalo, N. Y.
13—Lee Oma, Detroit, Mich.
14—Nathan Mann, New Haven, Conn.

The fighters below are grouped according to their ability:

(Group 1)

Gunnar Barlund, Finland; Tex Boddie, Omaha, Neb.; Jimmy Carollo, New York; Colion Chaney, Indianapolis, Ind.; Pat Comiskey, Paterson, N. J.; Charley Eagle, West Sheridan, Conn.; Pert Daniels, Chicago, Ill.

Joe Muscato, Buffalo, N. Y.; Tony Musto, Chicago, Ill.; Bob Nestell, Los Angeles, Cal.; Shamus O'Brien, Temple, Fla.; George Parks, Washington.

Frankie Poreda, Jersey City, N. J.; Jack Hannon Porter, San Francisco, Cal.; O'Dell Riley, Chicago, Ill.

Erv Sarlin, Mt. Oliver, Pa.; Lee Savold, Paterson, N. J.; Johnny Shkor, Boston, Mass.; John Thomas, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; Elza Thompson, Detroit, Mich.

Ollie Tandberg, Stockholm.

Buddy Walker, Columbus, O.; Bill Weinberg, Chelsea, Mass.; Pat Valentino, San Francisco, Cal.

Johnny Flynn, Rochester, N. Y.; Tiger Jack Fox, Spokane, Wash.; Arturo Godoy, Chile.

Al Hoosman, Cal.; Art McAlpine, Springfield, Mass.; Buddy Knox, Dayton, O.

(Group 2)

Frank Androff, Minneapolis, Minn.; Billy Barrow, Detroit, Mich.; Jimmy Bell, Washington, D.C.

Tony Bosnich, San Francisco, Cal.; Clarence Brown, Detroit, Mich.; Willie Brown, San Francisco, Cal.; Abel Cestac, Argentina; Johnny Denson, Indianapolis, Ind.; Gus Dorazio, Philadelphia, Pa.; Eldridge Eatman, Norwalk, Conn.

George Millich, California.

Bill Poland, New York; Teddy Randolph, New York.

Buddy Scott, Dallas, Tex.; Johnny White, Jersey City, N. J.; Cyclone Williams, Buffalo; Clayton Worlds, Chicago, Ill.

Jack Johnson, Australia; Jack London, England. Ken Shaw, Scotland; John Ralph, South Africa; Mick Wolmarans, South Africa.

Verne Escoe, Toronto, Can.; Cleo Everett, New York; George Fitch, New Haven, Conn.; Bob Foxworth, St. Louis, Mo.; Al Hal Glassman, Philadelphia, Pa.

Augustino Guedes, Palmerton, Pa.; Roy Hawkins, Portland, Ore.; John Haynes, Buffalo, N. Y.; Yancey Henry, Baltimore, Md.

Clarence Jones, Buffalo, N. Y.; Tiger Gene Jones, Camden, N. J.; Henry Jones, Philadelphia, Pa.; Sandy McPherson, New York; Jerry McSwain, San Diego, Cal.; Steve Ketchel, Boston, Mass.; Ragon Kinney, Hartman, Ark.; Buddy Komar, Kulpmont, Pa.; Pete Louthis, Honolulu.

(Group 3)

Johnny Aichers, Cliffside Park, N. J.; Red Applegate, Newark, N. J.; Big Boy Baker, Everett, Mass.; Freddie Bashore, Los Angeles, Cal.; Al Big Boy Brown, San Francisco, Cal.; Eddie Red Cameron, Miami, Fla.; Howard Chard, Toronto, Can.; Lee Croft, Spokane, Wash.; Francisco De La Cruz, Los Angeles, Cal.; Vincent De Vent, Baltimore, Md.; John Donnelly, Los Angeles, Cal.; Tommy Doyle, Fall River, Mass.; Dee Edwards, California; Doug Ellison, California; McKinley English, Detroit, Mich.

George Melko, Worcester, Mass ; Jimmy Neville, Orange, N. J.; Ted Nichols, Cincinnati, O.; Mack Parshay, Detroit, Mich.; Rusty Paine, San Diego, Cal.; Bill Petersen, Indiana Harbor, Mich.

Herb Narvo, Australia.

Art Ramsay, Boston, Mass.; Eddie Reed, Fresno, Cal.; Willard Reed, Indianapolis, Ind.; Bernie Reynolds, Cliffside, N. J.

Wally Sears, Philadelphia, Pa.; Nolan Sharp, Los Angeles, Cal.; Leo Stoll, Baltimore, Md.; Ross Strickland, New York.

Howard Thompson, Saugus, Mass.; Earl Turner, New York.

George Felton. Los Angeles, Cal.; Eddie Franklin, Philadelphia, Pa.; Stanley Goicz, New York; Abel Gonsalves, Mashpee, Mass.; Gene Gosney, Forest Hills, N. Y.

Eddie Grace, Boston, Mass.; Tim Hefferman, California; Willie Huff, Newark, N. J.; Ralph Ivins, Jamesburg, N. J.; Austin Johnson, Atlantic City, N. J.; John Kapovich, Baltimore, Md.; Larry Lane, Trenton, N. J.; Tony Martin, Phoenix, Arizona; Leo Matriciani, Baltimore, Md.

(Group 4)

Johnny Allen, Philadelphia, Pa.; Bill Ambrum, Bridgeport, Conn.; James Anderson, Chicago, Ill.; Dave Ashley, Chicago, Ill.; Marvin Baker, San Francisco, Cal.; Charley Balasz, Toronto, Can.; Maurice Belanger, Fall River, Mass.; Mike Belluscio, New York; George Bensik, Pueblo, Colorado; Ben Benware, New London, Conn.; Dan Biggers, Detroit, Mich.; Al Blake, Baltimore, Md.; Hal Blackshear, San Francisco, Cal.; George Boner, New Hampshire; Joe Bonn, Portland, Ore.

Lorient Bouchard, Montreal, Can.; Jim Bowden, Jacksonville, Fla.; Art Boykins, Akron, Ohio; Irish Eddie Brinkley, Fall River, Mass.; Art Bomber Brown, Pittsburgh, Pa.; William Brown, New York; Arthur Browne, Cincinnati, Ohio; Ed Calecas, New Orleans, La.; Jimmy Casino, California.

Wade Chancey, Syracuse, N. Y.; Joe Cheshul, Maplewood, N. J.; Bobby Clark, Columbus, Ohio; Lonnie Clark, Philadelphia, Pa.; Herb Colby, Beverly, Mass.; Benny Colson, Cincinnati, Ohio; Henry Cooper, New York; Jimmy Crawford, Cliffside Park, N. J.; Johnny Crawford, Cal.; Larry Crawford, New York; Chuck Crowell, Cal.; Charlie Crump, Baltimore, Md.; Vince Calzaretto, Chicago, Ill.

Johnny Dasher, New York; Jimmy Davenport, Philadelphia, Pa.; Dave Davey, Tacoma, Wash.; Eddie Davis, New York; Jackie Davis, Portland, Me.; Joe Davis, California; Johnny Davis, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Bashler Dean, Newark, N. J.; Babe Denning, Cleveland, Ohio; Dick Jordan, Texas; Arnold Dillen, Detroit, Mich.

Jimmy Dodd, Chicago, Ill.; Artie Donato, Red Bank, N. J.; William Donohue, New York; Ray Donovan, Guttenberg, N. J.; Baldy Duke, California; Al Edwards, Washington, D. C.; George Edwards, California; Lindy Elliott, New York; Johnny Ebarb, Haywoods, Cal.

Jimmy Meeks, Philadelphia, Pa.; Duke Mitchell, Toledo, O.; Harold Mitchell, Atlantic City, N. J.; Bobby Nora, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Dixie Lee Oliver, Miami, Fla.; Eddie Omby, Dallas, Tex.; Carleton Perry, California.

Jack Pierce, Houston, Tex.; Harold Raskin, Chicago, Ill.; George Reed, Paterson, N. J.; Kid Riviera, St. Louis, Mo.; Jim Robinson, Philadelphia, Pa.; Charley Roth, Akron, O.

Jimmy Savarese, New York; Jim Schwimmer, Baltimore, Md.; Bobby Shipman, San Diego, Cal.; Alvin Small, Elwood, Ind.; Al Spaulding, Washington, D. C.; Walter Spiroch, New York; Ray Stevens, California; Billy Sullivan, Chicago, Ill.; Todd Tate, Chicago, Ill.; Buddy Thomas, Washington, D. C.

Al Tumas, Dorchester, Mass.; J. D. Turner, Dallas, Tex.

Rex Wakeford, New York; Ted Waters, New York; Billy Weeks, Huntington, W. Va.; Grady Welch, Akron, O.

Johnny White, New York; Johnny Willard, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Al Williams, Philadelphia, Pa.; Eddie Wilson, New York; Eddie Wilson, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jack Woffard, San Francisco, Cal.

Reg Andrews, Royal Marines; Ern Clingen, Australia; John Nilsson, Malmoe, Sweden; Ross Pippett, Australia.

Earl Evans, Boston, Mass.; Leroy Evans, San Francisco, Cal.; Jimmy Fields, St. Louis, Mo.; Gene Flowers, San Francisco, Cal.; Tony Gangemi, Philadelphia, Pa.; Tommy Garland, California; Billy Gillian, Newark, N. J.; Herbert "Doc" Gladden, Baltimore, Md.

Leo Green, California; Earl Griffin, Chester, Pa.; Tommy Gunns, Colorado; Jesse Hall, California; Willie O. Hayes, Jersey City; Art Henry, New York; Elmer Holt, Bloomington, Ill.; Ralph Hooker, Nebr.; Jimmy Howard, Akron, Ohio; John Hubbard, Milwaukee, Wis.; Jack Huber, San Francisco, Cal.; Joe Hudson, Cal.

Sterling Ingram, Denver, Colo.; Bill Jackson, Topeka, Kans.; Eddie Jackson, Los Angeles, Cal.; Lee Jackson, New Britain, Conn.; Arthur "Red" Jetter, Washington, D. C.; Bearcat Jones, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Gib Jones, Cincinnati, O.; Bill McClure, Minneapolis, Minn.; Jess McGowan, Chicago, Ill.; Tom McVey, Philadelphia, Pa.; Cliff Mann, New York; Howard Mason, Detroit, Mich.; Joe Mason, Neville Is., Pa.

Eddie Keller, Oakland, Cal.; Moose Kennedy, Gary, Ind.; Cliff Koerkle, Bayonne, N. J.; King Kong, Camden, N. J.; Leroy Lawson, Detroit, Mich.; Bobby Lee, Minneapolis, Minn.; Robin Lee, Minneapolis, Minn.; Charles Lester, Cleveland, O.; Jimmy Letty, New York; Charles Lomski, Paterson, N. J.; Jimmy Lerot, Chester, Pa.

Light-Heavyweights
(Not over 175 pounds)
World's Champion
Gus. Lesnevich, Cliffside, N. J.

The leading contenders in order of merit, based on year's performances:

1—Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati, O.
2—Billy Fox, Philadelphia, Pa.
3—Archie Moore, St. Louis, Mo.
4—Jack Chase, Walsenburg, Col.
5—Billy Smith, Oakland, Cal.
6—Booker Beckwith, Gary, Ind.
7—Freddie Mills, London, Eng.
8—Lloyd Marshall, Sacramento, Cal.
9—Tommy Yarosz, Monaca, Pa.
10—Johnny Colan, New York.
11—Fitzie Fitzpatrick, Cleveland, O.
12—Dave Sands, Australia.

The fighters below are grouped according to their ability:

(Group 1)

Onelio Agramonte, Havana, Cuba; Sheldon Bell, Youngstown, Ohio; Oscar Boyd, Buffalo, N. Y.; Deacon Johnny Brown, Baltimore, Md.; Mose Brown, Covington, Va.; Henry Chemel, Portland, Me.; Cruz Costello, Los Angeles.

Costello Cruz, Los Angeles, Cal.; Johnny De Villiers, South Africa; Billy Grant, Orange, N. J.; Jim Ritchie, St. Louis, Mo.

Dough Brown, Melbourne; Alf Gallagher, Australia.

Bob Satterfield, Chicago, Ill.; Irish Tommy Sullivan, Boston, Mass.; Bobby Zanders, Los Angeles, Cal.

Prentiss Hall, Buffalo, N. Y.; George Kochan, Akron, O.; Ben Johnson, Houston, Tex.; Watson Jones, Los Angeles, Cal.

(Group 2)

Tom Attra, Houston, Texas; Cleve Bailey, Vineland, N. J.; Charley Banks, Detroit, Mich.; Frankie Best, Ithaca, N. Y.; Eddie Boden, Miami Beach, Fla.; Marvin Bryant, Newark, N. J.; Charlie Chaney, Baltimore, Md.; Jackie Cranford, Washington, D. C.; James Gunboat Davis, Pawtucket, R. I.; Langston Dennis, New York.

Coolidge Miller, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Gil Mojica, California; Irish Jimmy Nelson, Providence, R. I.; Buddy O'Dell, Blue Island, Ill.

Don Mullett, Australia; Bert Gilroy, Scotland. W. C. Wilkins, New York; Clarence Wilkinson, New York; Frank Zamoris, Orange, N. J.

Ernie Griffin, Hartford, Conn.; Henry Hall, Buffalo, N. Y.; Jack Hill, Bloomington, Ill.

George Evans, San Francisco, Cal.; Gene Farland, Providence, R. I.; Bob Garner, Louisville, Ky.; Lloyd Gibson, Cincinnati, O.

(Group 3)

Bob Amos, Detroit, Mich.; Nick Barone, Syracuse, N. Y.; Howard Bennett, Baltimore, Md.; Clyde Bowman, Ocean Park, Cal.; Jackson Bradley, Buffalo, N. Y.; Johnny Buttram, Detroit, Mich.; Tony Byron, Indianapolis, Ind.; Tony Charles, Terre Haute, Ind.; Jack Coley, Reading, Pa.; Bob Crosby, Baltimore, Md.; Bobby Dare, Buffalo, N. Y.; Willie Davis, Youngstown, Ohio; Ralph De John, Syracuse, N. Y.; Tony De Mico, Troy, N. Y.; Billy Duncan, Buffalo, N. Y.

Soldier Montoya, Portland, Me.; Jimmy Mulligan, Lowell, Mass.; Andrew Buster Peppe, New York.

Harold Reiss, Detroit, Mich.; Johnny Rice, Stamford, Conn.; Buddy Rose, Cincinnati, O.

Leroy Scales, Chicago, Ill.; Roman Starr, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Teddy Turner, Philadelphia, Pa.; Al Velez, Wichita, Kans.; Harry Wills, South Bend, Ind.; Tommy Woodward, Columbus, O.

Johnny Eskew, Brockton, Mass.; Jimmy Evans, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Davey Feld, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mike Gagne, Spencer, Mass.; Yg. Wendell Gallant, Showhegan, Me.; Vince Gigante, N. Y.; Jerry Goldberg, San Francisco, Cal.

Kid Hermosillo, Mexico; Jimmy Hooper, Detroit, Mich.; Sam Hughes, Detroit, Mich.; Bob Jacobs, Philadelphia, Pa.; Bob James, New York; Bill Johnson, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Bobby Jones, Philadelphia, Pa.; Herbie Katz, New York; Jack Kenny, Livingston, N. J.; Curtis Lee, Fall River, Mass.

(Group 4)

Ray Acosta, Los Angeles, Cal.; Al Amaral, Taunton, R. I.; Norman Audette, Fall River, Mass.; Freddie Bailey, Uniontown, Ohio; Joe Barrett, San Francisco, Cal.; Benny Bartle, Ellwood City, Pa.; Billy Beauford, N. Y.; Doc Bee, Phila.; Jerry Berthiaume, Montreal, Can.

Delaware Bradby, Modisto, Cal.; Smiley Burnett, San Francisco, Cal.; Tommy Burns, Hampden, Me.

Lee Carter, Indianapolis, Ind.; George Cassista, Danvers, Mass.; Willie Covington, San Diego, Cal.; Le Roy Bolden, San Francisco, Cal.; Duncan Curry, Cal.; Darby Dan, St. Louis, Mo.; Ernie Daniels, Portland, Ore.; Harry Daniels, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Gentle Daniels, Trinidad; Johnny Dawn, Cleveland, Ohio; Steve De Luca, New

York; Lloyd De Lucchi, San Francisco, Cal.; Eddie De Marco, Fall River, Mass.

Young Dempsey, Asbury Park, N.J.; Johnny DeNero, Rochester, N. Y.; Chuck Denson, Dallas, Tex.; Freddie Dent, Fredonia, N. J.; Vince Di Venti, Baltimore, Md.; Jimmy Dixon, Seattle, Wash.; Johnny Donohue, Philadelphia, Pa.; Bert Dowdell, Detroit, Mich.; Chick Doyle, Fall River, Mass.; Jack Dubois, Waterville, Me.; Jack Dumont, New Haven, Conn.; Lonnie Durrah, Cleveland, Ohio; Billy Eck, Allentown, Pa.; Babe Edwards, Cal.; Bob Eisler, New York; Jim Eldridge, Charlotte, N. C.; George El Paso, Chester, Pa.

Pancho Medrano, Mexico City; Gaston Miller, California; Gil Moore, Texas; Joe O'Connell, Baltimore, Md.; Johnny O'Neil, Oakland, Cal.; Francis Ogg, Sacramento, Cal.; Cecil Oliver, California; Billy Pappas, Reading, Pa.; Willie Parker, Yonkers, N. Y.; Warren Peterson, Jamaica, L. I.; Billy Seep, Ontario, Can.

Ben Pickett, San Francisco, Cal.; Jim Polk, New York; Douglas Rhode, Albany, N. Y.; Frankie Rowe, Baltimore, Md.; Clem Russo, Philadelphia, Pa.

Al Sheppard, Indianapolis, Ind.; Sam Shumway, Boston, Mass.; Gene Simmons, Indianapolis, Ind.; Ben Skelton, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Jess Slocum, California; Irish Johnny Smith, Boston, Mass.; Roland Spencer, California.

Bob Taylor, California; Johnny Thelen, New York; Frank Thomas, Port Chester, N. Y.; Eddie Turner, Bangor, Me.; Teddy Turner, Philadelphia, Pa.

Mike Verrengo, New York; Rocco Wall, Orange, N. J.; Larry Watson, Omaha, Neb.; Jimmy Webb, Houston, Tex.; Ron Whalley, Vancouver, Can.

Oscar Lee Wilkinson, Topeka, Kan.; Doc Williams, Chicago, Ill.; Hezzi Williams, Chicago, Ill.; Aaron Speedy Williams, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Jess Wilson, North Dakota; Kid Wolfe, Washington, D. C.; Obie Worten, Vallejo, Cal.; Steve Wooster, Manchester, N. H.

Andy McKenzie, South Shields, England; Al Marson, Stepney, England; Paul Renet, France.

Elton Evans, Philadelphia, Pa.; Freddie Ford, Minneapolis, Minn.; Ralph Friedman, Bellevue, Pa.; Jack Garrett, Detroit, Mich.; Oscar Good, Newark, N. J.; Billy Goodman, St. Louis, Mo.

Joe Green, Washington, D. C.; Johnny Gully, St. Louis, Mo.; Chuck Hammond, Cal.; Richard Hammond, Chicago, Ill.; Titus Hawkins, Cal.; Billy Seep, Carnegie, Pa.; Jim Holden, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Henry Holley, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Steve Hostak, Newark, N. J.; Ira Hughes, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Bob Isler, New York; Henry Jackson, Steubenville, O.; Peter Jackson, Chicago; Al Johnson, Washington, D. C.; Albert Johnson, Baltimore, Md.; Jimmy Maxwell, Reading, Pa.; Pat McCafferty, St. Louis, Mo.; Billy McCoy, Freehold, N. J.; Jack McCurry, Buffalo, N. Y.; Freddie McManus, Jersey City, N. J.

Luther McMillen, New York; Leroy McQueen, Detroit, Mich.; Jerry Marshall, St. Louis, Mo.; Marty Marshall, Detroit, Mich.; Jerry Martin, California.

Al King, Cleveland, O.; Billy Tiger Kingsland, Fresno, Cal.; Steve Kish, Garfield, N. J.; Red Ladd, Portland, Me.; Jim Lake, New York; Jesse Lee, Fall River, Mass.; Tommy Lenoir, Dallas, Tex.; Jack Lyons, Bridgeport, Conn.; Frank Lowry, Kensington, Pa.

Middleweights
(Not exceeding 160 pounds)
World's Champion
Tony Zale, Gary, Indiana

The leading contenders in order of merit, based on year's performances:

(Group A)

1—Jake LaMotta, New York.
2—Charley Burley, Pittsburgh, Pa.
3—Rocky Graziano, Brooklyn, N. Y.
4—Marcel Cerdan, Algeria.
5—George Abrams, New York City.
6—Bert Lytell, Fresno, Cal.
7—Steve Belloise, New York City.
8—Artie Levine, Brooklyn, N. Y.

(Group B)

1—Jose Basora, Puerto Rico.
2—Harold Green, Brooklyn, N. Y.
3—Sam Baroudi, Detroit, Mich.
4—Holman Williams, Detroit, Mich.
5—Al Priest, Boston, Mass.
6—Coley Welch, Portland, Me.
7—Sonny Horne, Niles, O.
8—Bos Murphy, New Zealand.
9—Jackie Daniels, Australia.

The fighters below are grouped according to their ability:

(Group 1)

Fred Apostoli, San Francisco, Cal.; Billy Arnold, Philadelphia, Pa.; O'Neil Bell, Detroit, Mich.; Mike Birskovich, Niles, O.; Joe Blackwood, Paterson, N. J.; Willard Buckless, Saugus, Mass.; Kid Chicken (Mark Lockman), N. Y.; Al Costa, Woonsocket, R. I.; Joe Curcio, Newark, N. J.; Irish Mickey Doyle, Sudbury, Ont., Can.; Tony Elizondo, San Antonio, Tex.; Paul Lewis, Oakland, Cal.

Pete Mead, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Ray Miller, Kansas City, Mo.; Eddie O'Neil, Detroit, Mich.; Mario Ochoa, Cuba; Aaron Perry, Washington, D. C.; Paulie Peters, San Francisco, Cal.

Joe Reddick, Paterson, N. J.; Norman Rubio, Albany, N. Y.; Vinnie Rossano, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Cowboy Ruben Shank, Denver, Col.; Anton Raadik, Estonia.

Jimmy Sheppard, Parris Island, S. C.; Ernie Vigh, Newburgh, N. Y.; Jesus Vila, Cuba; Vinnie Vines, Schenectady, N. Y.

Johnny Walker, Philadelphia; Bee Bee Washington, Washington, D. C.; Kenny Watkins, California; Louis Wise, Los Angeles, Cal.; Walter Woods, New York.

Hockey Bennell, Australia; Jake Kilrain, Glasgow; Ginger Sadd, Norwich, Eng.; Ginger Stewart, Scotland; Vince Hawkins, Watford, Eng.

Ossie Bulldog Harris, Pittsburgh, Pa.; George Wildcat Henry, Los Angeles, Cal.;
Al Hostak, Seattle, Wash.; Cecil Hudson, Cal.

Izzy Jannazzo, New York; George Martin, Boston, Mass.; Louis Cocoa Kid, New Haven, Conn.; Joe LaMotta, New York; Paul Lewis, Oakland, Cal.; Cosby Linson, Mobile, Ala.; Marcus Lockman (Kid Chicken), New York;

Jerry Fiorello, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Joe Governale, New York.

(Group 2)

Joe Agosta, Atlantic City, N. J.; Joey Albino, Jamesburg, N. J.; Top Row Allen, San Francisco, Cal.; Frank Angustain, Los Angeles, Cal.; Russ Baxter, Newcastle, Pa.; Cliff Beckett, Sudbury, Ont.; Tommy Belmont, Toronto, Can.; Joe Bennett, Hartford, Conn.; Bobby Berger, Chicago, Ill.; Al Bernard, Houston, Texas; K. O. Boisvert, Montreal, Can.

Gene Boland, Detroit, Mich.; Dempsey Bratton, Portland, Ore.; Henry Brimm, Buffalo, N. Y.; Bobby Britton, Miami, Fla.; Gene Buffalo, Phila., Pa.; Jackie Burke, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Dencio Cabanella, Manila.

Charley Catos, Oakland, Cal.; Johnny Clark, N. Y.; Jimmy Coleman, Los Angeles, Cal.; Carmen De John, Syracuse, N. Y.; Vic Dellicurti, New York; Ted Drew, Lewiston, Me.; Charley Dodson, St. Louis, Mo.; George Duke, Cal.; Walter Duval, Philadelphia, Pa.; Johnny Eagle, Buffalo, N. Y.

Mark Hart, England; Dick Turpin, England.

Jesse Moraney, Harrisburg, Pa.; Tony Motisi, Chicago, Ill.; Charley Padalino, Detroit, Mich. Laverne Roach, Plainview, Tex.; Art Honey Robinson, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Ernest Cat Robinson, New York; Danny Rosati, Newark, N. J.; Jackie Ryan, San Francisco, Cal.

Juan Serrano, Cuba; Wilfe Shanks, Montreal, Can.; Leon Sheppard, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Stanley Baby Simms, New York; Ellis Stewart, Philadelphia, Pa.; Milo Theodorescu, New York; Billy Thompson, Philadelphia, Pa.; Vincent Villavicencio, California.

Len Wadsworth, Hamilton, Ont., Can.; Billy Walker, Coquille, Oregon; Willie Watkins, Detroit, Mich.; Charley Young Zivic, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Oscar Suggs, Newport, R. I.; Len Taglia, Utica, N. Y.; Art Tatta, New Haven, Conn.; Jimmy Taylor, Stamford, Conn.; Johnny Taylor, Asheville, N. C.

Dynamite Jim, Trinidad, B.W.I.; Arthur Hardy, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Johnny Hurrey, Port Chester, N. Y.; Jimmy Hayden, San Francisco, Cal.; Charley Hayes, Detroit, Mich.; Jimmy Henderson, Camden, N. J.; Smuggy Hursey, Washington, D. C.

Henry Johnson, Bronx, N. Y.; Mad Anthony Jones, Champagne, Ill.; Johnny Jones, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Wild Bill McDowell, Tex.; Joe LaMotta, New York; Billy Lancaster, Portland, Me.; Johnny Lawer, Cleveland, O.; Art Lind, Cal.

Andy Faison, New York; Buddy Farrell, Newark; N. J.; Johnny Finazzo, Baltimore, Md.; Freddie Flores, Jamaica, L. I.; Larry Fontana, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Frankie Gimbel, Idaho; Bobby Giles, Buffalo, N. Y.; Indian Andre Gomez, Havana.

(Group 3)

Eddie Ahern, N. Y.; Jackie Alzek, N. Y.; Vic Amato, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Frank Anderson, Bangor, Me.; Wayne Armstrong, New York; Ray Augustus, Topeka, Kans.; Al Barbosa, North Carver, Mass.; Al Barbour, San Francisco, Cal.; Billy Bengal, Detroit, Mich.; Tony Bertucci, N. Y.

Albert Best, Galveston, Tex.; Buddy Best, Wilmington, Del.; Homer Bingham, Lancaster, O.; Paul Blanks, Picayune, Miss.; Bill Boyd, Dallas, Tex.; Jackie Brazeaille, Jacksonville, Fla.; Johnny Breitenbruck, Parris Island, S. C.; George Brooks, N. Y.; Jimmy Brooks, San Francisco, Cal.; Billy Brown, New Brunswick, N. J.; Buddy Claud Brown, Roxbury, Mass.; Charley Busalacchi, Milwaukee, Wisc.; Ralph Calautti, Miami, Fla.; Al Callahan, Cal.; Larry Cartwright (Larry Gudgill), Dayton, O.

Antonio Carmonia, Puerto Rico; Billy Carrigan, Baltimore, Md.; Larry Carter, Cal.; Ballesandro Carubia, Astoria, L. I.; Carmen Casale, Troy, N. Y.; Bob Castro, Los Angeles, Cal.; Dave Chacun, Elizabeth, N. J.; Pedro Cobe, Puerto Rico; Bobby Conway, Manchester, N. H.; Billy Cooper, Paterson, N. J.; Al Cortez, Baltimore, Md; James Curl, San Antonio, Tex.; Reecy Davis, Cal.; De Witt Dean, Detroit, Mich.; Acie Dearing, Texas.; Johnny DeCiantis, Providence, R. I.; Johnny Decker, Hartford, Conn.; Arnold Deer, Indianapolis, Ind.; Tony Delgato, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Curley Denton, Cincinnati, O.; Stanley Deer, Allentown, Pa.; Tony De Micco, Schenectady, N. Y.; Johnny Ditto, Baltimore, Md.; Charles Dotson, St. Louis, Mo.; Benny Droll, Peoria, Ill.; Johnny Eaton, Detroit, Mich.; Jim Elliott, Baltimore, Md.; Don Ellis, Washington, D. C.

Jimmy Moore, Chester, Pa.; Sam Muscato, Buffalo, N. Y.; Carl Olson, California; Larry Pacino, Roxbury, Mass.; Jay Paganelli, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Jack Patton, Miami, Fla.; Tony Petro, Boston, Mass.; Jimmy Pettie, Woburn, Mass.

George Riley, Detroit, Mich.; Gene Roberts, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Edgar Robinson, Los Angeles, Cal.; George Ronstadt, Honolulu; Frankie Russell, Los Angeles, Cal.; George Ryan, Detroit, Mich.

Steve Sabatino, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Babe Saunders, Henderson, N. C.; Willis Scott, New York; Meyer Siegel, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Benny Singleton, Waterbury, Conn. George Small, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Buster Smith, Jersey City, N. J.; Dick Smith, Oklahoma; Karo Smith, New York; Roy Spurlock, Minneapolis, Minn.; Lincoln Stanley, Oakland, Cal.

Bob Timpson, Youngstown, O.; Paul Tine, New York; Larry Villeneuve, Providence, R. I.; Chet Vinci, Hawaii; Roger Whynott, Quebec, Can.; Ray Williams, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Freddie Wilson, New York; Chubby Wright, Reading, Pa.; Dom Youvella, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Johnny Boyd, Peterborough, Eng.; Tom Curran, Staines, Eng.; Jimmy Davis, Bethnal, Eng.; Mickey Sands, Australia.

Freddie Graham, New York; Melvin Hawkins, Jamaica, L. I.; Rollie Horne, New York; Max Hutchins, Los Angeles, Cal.

Emory Jackson, Cal.; James Kenny, Waterbury, Conn.; Al Maggi, New York; Tony Mancuso, Montreal, Can.; Johnny Mara, Cambridge, Mass.; Perry Mason, Toledo, O.; Danny Martin, Newark, N. J.; Roddy McDonald, Edmonton, Can.; Jim McDonald, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Ramey McKnight, Chicago, Ill.; Johnny Johnson, Philadelphia, Pa.

Panama Kid, Panama; Billy Kilroy, Paterson, N. J.; Johnny King, New York; Herbie Kronowitz, New York; Frank Lacey, Baltimore, Md.; Nathan Deacon Logan, St. Louis, Mo.; Freddy Lott, Newark, N. J.; Rocky Luciano, Harrisburg, Pa.

Emil Evans, Chicopee, Mass.; Roy Evans, Tampa, Fla.; Allen Faulkiner, Buffalo, N. Y.; Irish Bob Flannigan, Ontario, Can.; Vince Fratello, Hackensack, N. J.; Jerry Frazier, N. Y.; Al Galgut, Orange, N. J.; Harry Gary, Cleveland, O.; Tony Gillo, New Haven, Conn.; Mickey Gimbel, California; Russ Golding, Bayonne, N. J.

(Group 4)

Danny Aldrich, Newark, N. J.; Don Anderson, N. Y.; Bob Angelo, Newark, N. J.; Frankie Babe Antuna, Los Angeles, Cal.; Alex Arella, McKeesport, Pa.; David Arndt, Portland, Ore.; Allen Arnett, Cal.; Les Arterbridge, Los Angeles, Cal.; Horace Bailey, Chicago; Leo Baker, Cal.; Elmore Barnes, Detroit, Mich.; Pedro Bass, Baltimore, Md.; Charlie Baxter, Chicago, Ill.; Jack Beatty, Cincinnati, O.; Eric Best, N. Y.; Lee Block, N. Y.; Tony Bland, Boston, Mass.

Jim Jobder, Miami, Fla.; Joe Bowman, N. Y.; Ted Brossley, Portland, Me.; Tony Brocken, Warren, O.; Hy Bronstein, N. Y.; Gene Brown, San Francisco, Cal.; Joe Brown, Providence, R. I.

Melvin Brown, St. Paul, Minn.; Nathan Brown, Syracuse, N. Y.; Tom Burke, N. Y.; Wylie Burns, Harrisburg, Pa.; Maxwell Butcher, Omaha, Nebraska; Willie Butler, San Francisco, Cal.; Joey Cafarella, N. Y.; Al Calderon, Hollywood, Cal.; Frankie Calzo, San Diego, Cal.; Dent Campbell, California.

Speedy Cannon, San Francisco, Cal.; Joe Carbo, N. Y.; Cliff Carder, Boston, Mass.; Johnny Carter, Phila., Pa.; Walter Carter, N. Y.

Gene Cartwright, Cal.; Dave Carver, N. Y.; Ray Cervantes, Santa Barbara, Cal.; Vic Chambers, Morristown, N. J.; Bert Chisholm, Dover, N. H.; Kid Chocolate, Boston, Mass.; Henry Chuckoluck, St. Louis, Mo.; Lightning Clark, Asbury Park, N. J.; Maurice Cloutier, Manchester, N. H.; Spencer Coleman, Cal.; Garfield Coleman, Los Angeles, Cal.; Tom Collins, New Haven, Conn.

Al Evans, Boston, Mass.; Billy Evans, Newark, N. J.; Joe Evans, Baltimore, Md.; George Feltes, Milwaukee, Wis.; Frank Ferretti, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Caesar Ferro, New York; Eddie Finazzo, Baltimore, Md.; Benny Flake, Salt Lake City, Utah; Augie Fleishauer, New York; "Mud" Florani, Atlantic City; John Finney, Philadelphia, Pa.

Wild Bill Franklin, Rensselaer, N. Y.; George Frederico, Schenectady, N. Y.; Yg Fuller, Norwalk, Conn.; Jackie Gains, Cleveland, O.; Joe Gibbs, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Larry Gibson, Trenton, N. J.; Cyril Gittens, New York; Chico Gitens, Trenton, N. J.

Jimmy Crans, Cal.; Nelson Crastner, Glen Gardner, N J.; Johnny Craven, Philadelphia, Pa.; Julie Cross, New York; Ray Crews, Ellwood City, Pa.; Sammy Cross, New York; Jimmy Crow, Danville, Ill.; Bernie Cummings, Boston, Mass.

Primas Cutler, Philadelphia, Pa.; Young Dais, New Bedford, Mass.; Jimmy Daly, Canada; Joe Dallo, Hazleton, Pa.; Jim Daly, Winnipeg, Can.; Wild Bill Daniels, Portland, Ore.; M. C. Daniels, Trenton, N. J.; Paul Darby, Detroit, Mich.; Dave David, New York; Benny Davis, Port Chester, N. Y.; Billy Davis, Baltimore, Md.; Eddie Davis, Toronto, Can.; Pat Davis, Boston, Mass.; Jimmy Davis, Boston, Mass.; Bill Day, Philadelphia, Pa.; Benny Dean, Newark, N. J.; Gene De Felice, Burlington, Vt., Joey De John, Syracuse, N. Y.; Joe Delfino, Stamford, Conn.; Ted De Loreto,

Wellsville, O.; Guy Delroy, Sherbrooke, Can.; Walter De Maio, New York; Johnny De Marco, New York; Jack Denby, New Haven, Conn.; Rudy Desanti, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Tami Dino, Newark, N. J.; Billy Doerner, New York; Jimmy Donaldson, Baltimore.

Ralph Dougherty, Bloomfield, N. J.; Chuck Doyle, Fall River, Mass.; Eddie Downs, Wilmington, Del.; Herb Drane, Louisville, Ky.; Randy Drew, Newark, N. J.; Beau Dollar, New Haven, Conn.

Mickey Duberry, Amsterdam, N. Y.; Johnny Duke, Hartford, Conn.; Jimmy Dunn, Alston, Mass.; Johnny Dupree, Tampa, Fla.; Ernie Durando, Bayonne, N. J.

Ed Dutton, Harrisburg, Pa.; Billy Dyer, Savannah, Ga.; Jimmy Eagles, New York; Bobby Edwards, New York; Jackie Edwards, Brunswick, Me.; Jimmy Edwards, Chicago, Ill.; Joe Edwards, Worcester, Mass.; Johnny Edwards, Cleveland, O.; Dick Elliott, Richmond, Va.; Joe Ellington, Buffalo, N. Y.; Eddie Ellis, Quincy, Mass.; Tom Ellis, Washington, D. C.; Eddie Elton, Akron, O.; Dave English, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Nick Melli, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Freddie Menna, New York; Tony Merrill, Philadelphia, Pa.; Rubin Meyer, Chicago, Ill.; Eddie Miller, Dayton, O.; Lou Miller, Miami, Fla.; Ellis Morgan, Hartford, Conn.; Louis Mosley, Los Angeles, Cal.; Lacy Murphy, New York.

Ted Newsome, Detroit, Mich.; John O'Brien, Calumet City, Ill.; Bert Page, New York; Charley Parham, Milwaukee, Wis.; Wayne Parker, Tacoma, Wash.; William Parker, California.

Jack Parks, Port Huron, Mich.; Saint Paul, Springfield, Mass.; Lew Perez, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Charley Perkins, Jamaica, L. I.

Al Pinel, New Bedford, Mass.; Joe Poodles, Baltimore, Md.; Joe Relich, New York; Henry Rich, California; Jimmy Richards, Buffalo, N. Y.; Joe Richards, Danville, Ill.; Eddie Richardson, Paterson, N. J.; Lester Rivers, Boston, Mass.; Ruby Roberts, Garfield, N. J.; Gene Robichaud, Forestdale, R. I.

Al Robinson, Harrisburg, Pa.; Henry Kid Robinson, Philadelphia, Pa.; Julio Serna Rodrigues, San Antonio, Tex.; Amado Rodriquez, New York; Billy Ryne, Boston, Mass.; Ace Rogers, Detroit, Mich.; Manuel Rosa, Baltimore, Md.; Chet Ross, Beverly, Mass.; Clay Rowan, Los Angeles, Cal.

Lee Sala, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mutt Schwartz (Schartz), Columbus, O.; Ray Shaft, New York; Harry Shaw, New Orleans, La.; Arthur Sheppard, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Bob Simmons, Dayton, O.; Jimmy Simmons, Vallejo, Cal.; Ted Simmons, Baltimore, Md.

George Slater, Philadelphia, Pa.; Doug Smith, Safford, Ariz.; Frankie Smith, New York; George Smith, Jersey City, N. J.; Connie Smith, California.

Malcolm Smith, California; Ory Smith, St. Louis, Mo.; Leroy Snead (Bobby Dance), Brooklyn, N. Y.; Maxie Spoon, Montreal, Can.; Pete Spotti, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Eddie Steele, Macon, Ga.; Johnny Steele, New Bedford, Mass.; Ike Stevenson, Farmington, L. I.; Bob Stroud, Tampa, Fla.; Claude Sullard, Wichita, Kans.; Joe Tate, Philadelphia, Pa.; Johnny Taylor, Pittsfield, Mass.; Roland Taylor, Milwaukee, Wis.

Teague Taylor, Buffalo, N. Y.; Red Terry, California; Benny Thomas, Boston, Mass.; Ray Thomas, California; Paul Thornton, Rochester, N. Y.

Baudelio Valencia, Mexico; Willie Vega, Honolulu; Harry Vrooman, Schenectady, N. Y.

Leroy Wade, San Francisco, Cal.; Caesar Wakefield, Baltimore, Md.; Vepe Watson, California; Georgie Williams, Baltimore, Md.; Jackie Williams, Baltimore, Md.; Jimmy Willis, Wilmington, Del.

Jess Wilson, North Dakota; Jimmy Wilson, Cincinnati, O.; Ollie Wilson, Worcester, Mass.; Teddy Wilson, New York.

Al Wright, Washington, D. C.; Jerry Wright, New York; Jim Wright, Wilmington, Del.; Jim White, Wilmington, Del.; Bob Wyman, California; Solly Zalter, Montreal, Can.

Tom Bowers, Methwold, Eng.; Bill Burns, Australia; George Dilks, Barnsley, Eng.; Albert Finch, Croyden, Eng.; Jack Hart, West Hartlepool, Eng.; Alby Hallister, Islington, Eng.; Tommy Jones, Derby, Eng.; Don Smith, High Wycombe, Eng.

Harry Gray, New York; Eddie Green, Indianapolis, Ind.; Edgar Greenwood, New York; Billy Grombacher, Youngstown, O.; Billy Hagen, Philadelphia, Pa.; Eli Hall, Buffalo, N. Y.; Eddie Halligan, Cal.; Bob Hawkins, Cal.

Nelson Hawkins, Cleveland, O.; Harold Hazlett, Rochester, N. Y.; Wilbert Hearold (Bill Boyd), Houston, Tex.; Jerry Hemminger, Tiffin, O.; Jose Jota Hernandez, Trinidad.

Bobby Hicks, Waterbury, Conn.; Wally Hicks, Toronto, Can.; Gregory Hidalgo, New York; Jimmy Hill, Harrisburg, Pa.; Charley Hilton, Phila., Pa.; Al Hirsch, New York; Sonny Hope, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Abe Hopes, New York; Al Hopes, New York; Larry Huff, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Ralph Hughes, Tampa, Fla.; Georgie Humes, East Hartford, Conn.; Johnny Hunt, Coast.

Ray Immondi, Providence, R. I.; Buddy Jackson, Irvington, N. J.; Dick Jackson, Houston, Tex.; James Jackson, N. J.; Ran Jackson, New Orleans, La.; Manuel James, Portland, Ore.; Buddy Jones, Portland, Me.; Harry Jordan, Clearfield, Pa.

Nick Kashuba, New York; Cleve Kelly, Oakland, Cal.; Wilton Kemp, New Jersey; Tom Kiddy, Flint, Mich.; Paul King, Buffalo, N. Y.; Van Kirk, Philadelphia, Pa.; Marion C. Klingingsmith, Wash., Pa.; Tom Klymyk, London, Ont.; Walter Kodman, Newark, N. J.; Frank Kovacs, Perth Amboy, N. J.; Billy Kowal, Southington, Conn.; Whitey Kozey, New Britain.

Al LaBrecque, Holyoke, Mass.; Charlie Lagor, Pawtucket, R. I.; Jesse Lamb, New Jersey; Bill Landry, Moncton, N. S.; George Landry, Gardner, Mass.; Herbert Lane, Houston, Texas; Jesse Lang, Baltimore, Md.; Carmine Lato, Providence, R. I.

Bill Lauderman, Essex, Conn.; Bobby Lee, Fresno, Cal.; Bobcat Lee, Edison, Nebr.; Eddie Lee, New York; Jackie Lewis, Philadelphia, Pa.; Ozzie Lewis, Los Angeles, Cal.; Sipio Lofton, Baltimore, Md.; Mickie Logan, Manville, N. J.; John Lomax, Pittsfield, Mass.; Gene Loughridge, Coast.

Cecilio Lozada, Mexico; Melvin Lucky, Baltimore, Md.; Joe "Butch" Lynch, Plainfield, N. J.; Michael "Ace" Lytell.

Red McPherson, New Waterford, N. S.; Sammy Mack, Columbus, O.; Tommy Mack, Springfield, Mass.; Wilson Mack, Cal.; James Mangia, New York.

Chappy Manning, Baltimore, Md.; Johnny Mara, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Jimmy Marcus, New York; Johnny Mara (Marabella), Brooklyn, N. Y.; Charley Marshall, Baltimore, Md.; Grover Marshall, St. Louis, Mo.; Jerry Martin, Cincinnati, O.; Joey Martin, Wichita, Kan.

Jack McCahill, Canonsburg, Pa.; Ace McCluskey, Nova Scotia; Bill McFarland, Omaha, Nebr.; Jimmy McGrath, Bayonne, N. J.; Johnny McGrath, Boston, Mass.; Tom McKeagney, Quincy, Mass.; William Harrison Dempsey McPhail, Detroit, Mich.

Welterweights
(Not exceeding 147 pounds)
World's Champion
Ray Robinson, New York.

The leading contenders in order of merit, based on year's performances:

(Group A)

1—Tippy Larkin, Garfield, N. J.
2—Tommy Bell, Youngstown, O.
3—Beau Jack, Atlanta, Ga.
4—Marty Servo, Schenectady, N. Y.
5—Jackie Wilson, Los Angeles, Cal.
6—Willie Joyce, Gary, Ind.
7—Tony Pellone, New York.
8—Johnny Greco, Montreal, Can.
9—Tony Janiro, Youngstown, O.
10—Jimmy Doyle, Los Angeles, Cal.

(Group B)

1—Bernard Docusen, New Orleans, La.
2—Danny Kapilow, Brooklyn, N. Y.
3—Ernie Roderick, Liverpool, Eng.
4—Charley Fusari, Newark, N. J.
5—Buster Tyler, Miami, Fla.
6—Arthur Danahar, Bethnal Green, Eng.
7—Laurie Stevens, Johannesburg, S. A.

The fighters below are grouped according to their ability:

(Group 1)

Sammy Adragna, Carnegie, Pa.; Paul Altman, Houston, Tex.; Roman Alvarez, New York; Dave Andrews, Lowell, Mass.; Sammy Angott, Washington, Pa.; Freddie Archer, Newark, N. J.; Kid Azteca, Mexico City; Ray Brown, Los Angeles, Cal.; Willie Calhoun, Cal.; Doug Carter, Newark, N. J.; Jackie Cooper, Chicago; George Costner, Cincinnati; Rudy Cruz, San Antonio, Tex.; Benny Delgardo, Providence, R. I.; Tito Despaigne, Panama; Kid Dinamita, Santo Domingo; Deacon Fred Dixon, Los Angeles, Cal.; Whelan Douglas, New York; Tommy Egan, San Francisco, Cal. Vince Gambill, Kansas City, Kan.; Clyde Gordon, Somerville, Mass.

Ben Montabano, New Orleans, La.; Nick Moran, Mexico; Billy Morris, Baltimore, Md.; Phil Palmer, Vancouver, Can.

Freddie Polowitzer, Hartford, Conn.; Morris Reif, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Tony Riccio, Bayonne, N. J.; Bobby Richardson, Cleveland, O.; Tommy Rotolo, Rome, N. Y.

Jimmy Sherrer, Milwaukee, Wis.; Chester Slider, Fresno, Cal.; Chuck Taylor, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Billy Tierney, Seattle, Wash.; Earl Turner, Richmond, Va.; Ralph Zannelli, Providence, R. I.; Fritzie Zivic, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Eric Boon, Chatteris, Eng.; Cyril Gallie, Cardiff, Wales; Omar Kouidri, Algeria.

Nava Esparza, Mexico City; Frankie Fernandez, Puerto Rico.

Jimmy Hatcher, Lake City, Fla.; Chuck Hunter, Cleveland, O.; Harry Hurst, Canada; Ruby Kessler, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Don Lee, Edison, Neb.; Joe Legon, Havana, Cuba.

Major Jones, Kansas City, Kans.; Henry Jones, Philadelphia, Pa.; Lenny Boom Boom Mancini, New York.

(Group 2)

Jimmy Ainscough, Akron, O.; Eddie Alzek, New York; Frankie Abrams, Detroit, Mich.; Roy Andrews, Lowell, Mass.; Jimmy Anest, Hackensack, N. J.; Buster Beaupre, Burlington, Vt.; Johnny Bell, New Britain, Conn.; Louis Bell, Milwaukee, Wis.; Maxie Berger, Montreal, Can.; Bernie Bernard, New York; Jack Besselman, Lawrenceville, Pa.; Art Bethea, Washington, D. C.; Howard Bleyhl, Madison, Minn.

Bob Boucher, Nebraska City, Nebr.; Art Brown, Chicago, Ill.; Freddie Camuso, Fall River; Johnny Cesario, Hartford, Conn.; Dave Clark, Detroit, Michigan.; Vic Costa, New York; Jerry Coursol (Billy Moore), Miami, Fla.

Johnny Dabbs, Beaumont, Tex.; Tony De Rosa, Astoria, L. I.; Joe Di Martino, Newark, N. J.; Lennox Dingle, Philadelphia, Pa.; Artie Di Pietro, Portland, Me.; Artie Dorrell, Tyler, Tex.; George Doty, Hartford, Conn.; Harvey Dubs, Windsor, Ont.; Johnny Dudley, Des Moines, Iowa.

Pete Graham, Philadelphia, Pa.; Al Guido, New York; Leroy Haynes, New York; Al Highers, Bayonne, N. J.; Buddy Scott, Holderfield, Ark.; Clarence Cotton King, Okeechobe, Fla.; Bobby Lakin, Worcester, Mass.; Vincent La Salva, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

Tommy Jessup, Springfield, Mass.; McCoy Jones, Roxbury, Mass.; Jimmy McGriff, Washington, D. C.; Henry Majcher, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Charley Milan, Baltimore, Md.; Eddie Moniz, Fall River, Mass.; Pat Murray, Paterson, N. J.; Jorge Morelia, Mexico City; Pete Muscarnera, New York; Billy Napper, Boston, Mass.; Billy Parsons, Danville, Ill.; Irving Palefsky, New York.

Richard Polite, New Orleans, La.; Harry Preston, N. Y.; Joe Pyle, New Waterford, N. S.; Sheik Rangel, Fresno, Cal.; Torpedo Reed, Los Angeles, Cal.; Dave Riley, St. Louis, Mo.; Sal Richie, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Dan Robinson, Chicago, Ill.; Leo Romanello, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Frankie Ross, Boston, Mass.; Rocco Rossano, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Louis Rousse, New Orleans, La.; Willie Russell, Columbus, O.

Joe Falco, Philadelphia, Pa.; Tony Falco, Middletown, Conn.; Annunzio Ferrera, Milwaukee, Wis.; Kid Filipino, Sonora, Mexico; Ernie Forte, Providence, R. I.; Bobby Garcia, Baltimore, Md.; Pat Giordano, Montreal, Can.; Lupe Gonsalez, Mexico.

Pat Saia, Philadelphia, Pa.; Leo Sawicki, Worcester, Mass.; Flash Sebastian, Honolulu; Al Seidman, Scranton, Pa.; Bob Simmons, Indianapolis, Ind.

Eddie Smith, Rochester, N. Y.; Mayhew Smith, Washington, D. C.; Levi Southall, Kansas City, Kan.; Maxie Starr, Baltimore, Md.; Howell Steen, Dallas, Texas.

Allen Thomas, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Jimmy Thurman, New York; Billy Tordiglione, Boston, Mass.; Vince Turpin, Canton, O.; Lou Valles, Puerto Rico; Joey Varoff, New York; Tony Vero, Rome, N. Y.; Frank Vigeant, Waterbury, Conn.

Charley Williams, New York; Johnny Williams, Montgomery, Ala.; Bee Bee Wright, Harrisburg, Pa.; Bobby Zollo, Providence, R. I.

Chuck Ashenden, Australia; Art Boxall, Australia; Eric Hall, Cambridge, Mass.; Joe Grant, Australia; Mickey Miller, Australia; George Sands, Australia.

(Group 3)

Regina Aguila, Mexico City; Harry Albritton, Oakland, Cal.; Jose Garcia Alvarez, Havana, Cuba; Tony Ancona, Detroit, Mich.; Willie Andrews, New Haven, Conn.; Ross Anzalone, New York; Danny Ardito, Newark, N. J.; Jackie Armitage, New Kensington, Pa.; Richard Asato, Hawaii; Al Bernard, Akron, O.; Nick Bertucci, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Vic Belanger, Syracuse, N. Y.; Len Bickford, Portland, Me.

Lee Britto, Providence, R. I.; Ceferino Bronco, Fall River, Mass.; Art Brown, Washington, D. C.; Lew Burke, Moncton, Can.; Phil Burton, New York; Ernie Butler, Washington, D. C.; Pat Bybee, Kannapolis, N. Car.; Jack Byrd, Van Buren, Arkansas; Cab Calloway, Lawrenceville, Pa.; Rudy Campa, Los Angeles; John Campinha, Wareham, Mass.; Rene Cantero, Havana, Cuba; Mickey Canty, Springfield, Mass.

Frankie Cardinal, New York; Buster Carroll, Lowell, Mass.; Beverly Carter, Toronto, Can.; Mario Centi, Kearny, N. J.; Tony Cerruto, Bantam, Conn.; Burl Ciarlo, Youngstown, Ohio; Tony Ciarlo, Waterbury, Conn.; Johnny Clinton, Baltimore, Md.; Davey Cohen, New York, Ernie Cooper, New York; Al Couture, Lewiston, Maine.

Bobby Cummings, Philadelphia, Pa.; Bill Daly, Brookline, Mass.; Charley Dixie Davis. Jersey City, N. J.; Billy Deeg, Corpus Christi, Tex.; Ernie Derko, Terre Haute, Ind.; Tony De Salvo, New York; Tommy Deschambeault, Montreal, Can.; Fist Dever, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Jim Dinardo, Berlin, N. H.; Jock Darthard, Kansas City, Mo.; Mike De Cosmos, Philadelphia, Pa.; Rego Dell, Dunmore, Pa.

Bill Jiggs Donohue, Philadelphia, Pa.; Pat Donohue, New Orleans, La.; Martin Doyle, Birmingham, Ala.; Leo Dulmaine, Millbury, R. I.; Leroy Durst, Longview, Me.; Pat Dyer, Berlin, N. H.; Charley Early, San Francisco, Cal.; Willie Edmunds, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Charley Eschman, Cincinnati, O.; Benny Evans, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Frank Fener, New York; Frank Foley, Houlton, Me.; Robert Fowler, Chicago, Ill.; Gabby Ferland, Montreal, Can.; Joey Freda, Maspeth, L. I.; Jimmy Gagnon, Lisbon, Me.; Patsy Gall, Freeland, Pa.; Joe Gans, Willimantic, Conn.; Ruby Garcia, Puerto Rico; Pete Geno, New York; Vert Gibson, Kansas City, Kan.; Manny Gomez, Tampa, Fla.; Flash Gordon, San Diego, Cal.

Hubert Gray, Wichita Falls, Tex.; Chris Gregory, Seattle, Wash.; George Greytack, Conn.; Billy Young, Griffin, New York. Frankie Hardiman (Baby Beau Jack), Quonset, R. I.; Cliff Hart, Syracuse, N. Y.; Russ Hawkins, New York; Sam Haskins, Harrisburg, Pa.

Len Harding, Montreal, Can.; Chuck Hurst, Detroit, Mich.; Willard Hogan, New York; Bobby Holt, Danbury, Conn.; Henry Holt, Danbury,

Conn.; Chief Crazy Horse, Coast; Charley Howard, New York.

Bobby Jones, Oakland, Cal.; Bobby Justine, Philadelphia, Pa.; Denny McCabe, New York; Pedro Jiminez, Vallejo, Cal.; Jimmy McLarnin, New Bedford, Mass.; Mel Johnson, Chicago, Ill.

Billy Kearns, Wethersfield, Conn.; Tommy Keene, New London, Conn.; Jim Kennedy, New York; Joe Keyes, Los Angeles, Cal.; Andy Klinges, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Mike Konnors, New York; Al La Barba, New York; Tony La Rocco, Jamaica, L. I.; Lenny Lavoie, Worcester, Mass.; Jack Larrimore, Miami, Fla.; Don Lennox, Los Angeles, Cal.; Eddie Letourneau, Sanford, Me.; Luck Lima, New York; Ernesto Lopez, Mexico; Jack Lovett, Providence, R. I.; Joe Lucignano, Jersey City, N. J.

Charlie Grant, Newark, N. J.; Charlie Kid Grant, Arlington, Va.; Eddie Grantano, California; Jimmy Green, Philadelphia, Pa.; Johnny Green, Morristown, N. J.; Young Green, Bangor, Me.; LeRoy Greenwood, Long Branch, N. J.; Nick Guagliardo, New Orleans, La.; Al Guidry, New Orleans, La.; Lee Gunter, Dallas, Texas; George Hairston, Huntington, W. Va.; Louis Hall, Detroit, Mich.; Oliver Hamm, Houston, Texas.

Bernie Harper, New York; Pete Hartley, S. Philadelphia, Pa.; Willard Hauseman, Honolulu, T. H.; George Hill, Philadelphia, Pa.; Buddy Hoffman, Seattle, Wash.

Jeff Holloway, New York; Wally Holm, Minneapolis, Minn.; Carter Holmes, Boston, Mass.; Johnny Holmes, New York; Len Holten, St. Louis, Mo.; Tommy Houston, Glendale, L. I.; Stan Howell, Newark, N. J.; Nat Hutchins, Elizabeth, N. J.

Jimmy Isler, Newark, N. J.; Al Jackson, Chicago, Ill.; Tiger Jack, New York; Jesse James Jackson, Riverside, Cal.; Kelly Jackson, Portland, Ore.; Lon Jackson, Philadelphia, Pa.; Ray Jackson, Tampa, Fla.; Stonewall Jackson, Washington, D. C.; Tiger Jackson, Barberton, O.; Tommy James, Chicago, Ill.; Larry Janke, Batavia, N. Y.; Dave Jenkins, Roselle Park, N. J.; Ward Jenkins, San Francisco, Cal.

Willie Jenkins, Homestead, Pa.; Joe Jennings, Norwalk, Conn.; Chick Jones, Roxbury, Mass.; Leo Jones, Philadelphia, Pa.

Walter Keene, Manchester, N. H.; Willie Keene, Boston, Mass.; Billy Kelly, Philadelphia, Pa.; Leon Kennedy, New York; Pete Kennedy, Elmsford, N. Y.; Texas Kid, Portland, Me.; Jerry Kiger, Homestead, Pa.; Andy Kinn, San Francisco, Cal.; Art Kimmel, Altoona, Pa.

Dolly King, Springfield, Mass; Jackie King, Providence, R. I.; Jimmy King, Buffalo, N. Y.; Samuel King, New York; Ernie Knight, Trenton, N. J.; Mike Kobella, Allison Park, Pa.; Frank Kruski, Valley Stream, L. I.

Harry Lane, Texas; Ernie Larsen, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Juan LaSalle, Puerto Rico; Joe LaSalva, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; Joe LaScala, New York; Martin Lattimer, Beacon, N. Y.; Ray Laurie, Hartford, Conn.

Danny Ledesma, Los Angeles, Cal.; Billy Lee, Englewood, N. J.; Billy Lee, California; Frank Lee, Lynn, Mass.; Jimmy Lee, Buffalo, N. Y.; Terry Lee, Florida; Frankie Les, Baltimore, Md.

Roy Lewis, Muncie, Ind.; Bert Linam, Austin, Tex.; Jack Lisle, Savannah, Ga.; John Littlejohn, Baltimore, Md.; Ruiz Llanes, California; William Lockett, Chicago, Ill.

Frankie Lombardi, Marlboro, Mass.; Nick Londos, Canada; Johnny Long, Rochester, N. Y.; Perry Lowe, Newark, N. J.; Freddie Luce, Somerville, Mass.; Sol Lupo, Boston, Mass.; Johnny Luze, New Bedford, Mass.; Tommy Lynch, Wilmington, Del.; Larry Lynch, Florida.

George Tiger McCarthy, Lewiston, Me.; Bill McDonald, Vancouver, Can.; Art McKenzie, Philadelphia, Pa.; Cary Mace, Hartford, Conn.; Billy Mack, Wilmington, Del.; Dick Mack, Harrisburg, Pa.; Blaine Macomber, Guilford, Me.; Benny Madagone, Honolulu; George Maddox, California; Charley Madison, Baltimore, Md.; Bobby Maloney, Homestead, Pa.; Eddie Mara, Honolulu; George Marmo, Bridgeport, Conn.

Al Marquis, Brunswick, Me.; Harry Marshall, Windsor, Ont.; Billy Mayberry, California; Billy Mayfield, California; John Mazanoble, Schenectady, N. Y.

Dave Meredith, Elizabeth, N. J.; Al Michaud, Lisbon, Me.; Tommy Mills, Valley Stream, L. I.; Bill Mimms, Philadelphia, Pa.; Jimmy Mooney, Worcester, Mass.; Johnny Moran, Boston, Mass.; Arthur Mott, New York; Joe Murphy, Harrisburg, Pa.; Tommy Murray, Montreal, Can.

Ralph Nieves, Puerto Rico; Willie Odom, Chicago, Ill.; Jean Paul Ouimet, Quebec, Can.; Johnny Parker, Springfield, Mass.; Buster Peaks, Detroit, Mich.; Fern Pelletier, Lewiston, Me.

Gabby Poulin, New Britain, Conn.; Nick Primiani, Montreal, Can.; Bobby Prior, Albany, N. Y.; Al Reid, Greenwood, S. C.; Sparky Reynolds, Indianapolis, Ind.; Frankie Robinson, Atlantic City, N. J.; Harry Robinson, Philadelphia, Pa.; Tony Rodriguez, San Francisco, Cal.; Mike Rubi, Los Angeles, Cal.; Larry Ray, Detroit, Mich.; John Roszina, Milwaukee, Wis.

Charles Salas, Phoenix, Ariz.; Young Salvatore, San Francisco, Cal.; Sam Santi, Miami, Fla.; Johnny Sauer, Cambridge, Mass.; Tommy Saunders, Fairmont, W. Va.; Mickey Savage, Detroit, Mich.; Milo Savage, Seattle, Wash.; Sam Schiapani, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Jimmy Shans, California; Johnny Sheppard, Cleveland, O.; Dom Sinibaldi, Salem, N. H.; George Smith, Haverstraw, N. Y.; Eddie Soares, Fox Point, R. I.; Tommy Spencer, Nova Scotia.

Mike Stankovich, Fresno, Cal.; Bill Stemler, Windsor, Ont.; Walter Stevens, Newark, N. J.; John Thomas, New York; Leon Thompson, Evarts, Kans.; Lynch Travis, Chicago, Ill.; Cliff Turner, Trenton, N. J.

Bobby Volk, Portland, Ore.; Ralph Walton, Montreal, Can.; Bob Weatherly, Chicago, Ill.; Jimmy Wells, Seattle, Wash.; Johnny Willis, Seattle, Washington; Johnny Woods, Boston, Mass.; Joe Ybarra, Colorado; Johnny Yellavich, New York; Patsy Zoccano, Toronto, Can.

Bert Buxton, Norwich, Eng.; Mick Gibbons, Belfast, Ire.; Clem Sands, Australia; Vic Sands, Leicester, Eng.; Willie Wytex, Glasgow, Scot.; Gwyn Williams, Oxford, Wales; Al McEwan, Melbourne, Australia.

(Group 4)

Johnny Abbott, Cleveland, O.; L'il Abner, Portland, Ore.; Bud Abney, Salem, Ore.; Lee Abrams, Hartford, Conn.; Kid Lupe Acapulco, Mexico City; Dick Alexander, Mansfield, Ohio; Jimmy Alexander, Paterson, N. J.; Eddie Ancrum, N. Y.; Andy Anderson, Jacksonville, Fla.; Maxie Ankele, Oakland, Cal.; Art Aragon, Boston, Mass.; Tony Aranjo, Providence, R. I.

Tony Argo, Baltimore, Md.; John Asay, Point Pleasant, N. J.; Norman Audette, Fall River, Mass.; Maurice Auger, Troy, N. Y.; Wallace Bates, Houston, Tex.; Norman Bennett, Lewiston, Me.; Bill Bernier, Lewiston, Me.; Eddie Bell, Canton, O.; Billy Black, Houston, Tex.; Hugh Bonacci, Syracuse, N. Y.; John Botty, Fall River, Mass.; Al Catfish Bourgeois, New Orleans, La.; Bourgeois Boykin, New Orleans, La.; Otha Brandon, St. Louis, Mo.; Nathan Bridges, Detroit, Mich.; Howard Brodt, Oneida, N. Y.; Johnny Brooks, Philadelphia, Pa.; Cleveland Brown, Cincinnati, Ohio; Eddie Brown, New York; Eugene Brown, Omaha, Nebr.; Dave Bruce, Homewood, Pa.; Eddie Buck, Southwark, Pa.; Mike Bulik, New York; Van Butler, Trenton.

Earl Caddock, Bristol, Conn.; Howard Carr, Oklahoma City, Okla.; John Caruso, Jersey City, N. J.; Joe Cerrito, Bantam, Conn.; Young Chappie, Albany, N. Y.; Alex Childs, Cal.; Benny Colardo, Providence, R. I.; Jack Collins, Wilmington, Del.; Johnny Conn, Millburn, N. J.; Jackie Connors, Newark, N. J.

Joe Conrad, Garfield, N. J.; El Conscripto, Mexico; James Cook, Lowell, Mass.; Tony Cook, Portland, Me.; Chuck Cooper, Washington, D. C.; Redcap Cooper, Springfield, Mass.; Johnny Corbett, Quincy, Mass.; Morris Corona, Los Angeles, Cal.; Willie Counts, Providence, R. I.; Flat Top Cummings, Washington, D. C.; Dick Czerniak, Milwaukee, Wis.

Pete Crainge, Baltimore, Md.; Chief Crazy Horse, Poplar, Mont.; Earl Crenshaw, Wake Forest, N. C.; Pedro Crivello, Cambridge, Mass.; Kid Crosby, Bartlesville, Okla.

Daly Curtis, Bayonne, N. J.; Tom Curtis, Bayonne, N. J.; Sammy Daniels, Baltimore, Md.; Al Danorfio, Waterbury, Conn.; Billy Dankar, Washington, D. C.; Johnny Darby, Paterson, N. J.; Lee Datts, Philadelphia, Pa.; Louis Da Villa, Puerto Rico; Tony Davillo, Mexico; Al Davis, Portland, Ore.

Artie Davis, New York; Biff Davis, Montreal, Can.; Bob Davis, Cal.; Eddie Davis, Philadelphia, Pa.; Honey Davis, Newark, N. J.; Joe Davis, Baltimore, Md.; Rudy Davita, Cal.

Ray Dawson, New Britain, Conn.; Pancho Day, Detroit, Mich.; Joe Dazet, New Orleans, La.; Al Deacon, Providence, R. I.; Ray De Frisco, Providence, R. I.; Rene De Leon, Cal.; Nick Delgardo, Houston, Tex.

Gerard Della, Staten Island, N. Y.; Jim Della, Bridgeport, Conn.; Eli De Loach, New York; Ray De Lora, Cal.; Johnny De Maio, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Teddy De Marco, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Count De Marlowe, Detroit, Mich.; Joe De Martino, Bridgeport, Conn.; Fernand Demers, Montreal, Can.; Mike De Stephano, Philadelphia, Pa.

Ben Deshaizer, Newark, N. J.; Al Diaz, Mexico City; Bill De Vries, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Frankie Diaz, Boston, Mass.; Mario Diaz, Cuba; Pedro Diaz, New York; Young Diaz, Boston, Mass.; John Dillinger, South Bend, Ind.; Bummy Di Loche, New York; Armand Di Matteo, Syracuse, N. Y.; Billy Dixon, Macon, Ga.; Gerard D'Lil, Staten Island, N. Y.; Ed Dodds, Chester, Pa.; Dave Donohue, Harrisburg, Pa.; Paul Donovan, Boston, Mass.; Caesar Douglas, Chicago, Ill.; Billy Dorwall, Paterson, N. J.

Wild Bill Dougherty, Tacoma, Wash.; Alex Doyle, Garfield, N. J.; Eddie Doyle, Boston, Mass.; Walter Dugnais, Lynn, Mass.; Tony Duila, Brockton, Mass.; Bernard Dukes, Philadelphia, Pa.; Dick Dunn, Jamaica Plains, Mass.; William Dunn, New York; Joey Dunn, Fla.; Tony Dupuis, Montreal, Can.; Eddie Durando, Bayonne, N. J.

Ernie Durate, Cal.; Phil Durniere, Lewiston, Me.; Al Dutra, Cambridge, Mass.; Jerry Dwain, Norfolk, Va.; Gus Edwards, Boston, Mass.; Bob Elliott, Miami, Fla.; Morris Elliott, Stamford, Conn.; Benny Ellis, Quincy, Mass.; Bobby Ellis, Cal.; Ted Ellis, Atlantic City, N. J.; Booker Ellis, St. Paul, Minn.; Billy Ellison, Newark, N. J.; Ray Ellison, New York; Bob Enger, Newark, N. J.; Charles Enstrom, Cal.

Joey Medrano, Havana; Julius Mendoza, California; Bob Meredith, California; Hal Meredith, Macon, Ga.; Joe Miller, Buffalo, N. Y.; Henry Miller, Gary, Ind.

Wilfredo Miro, Cuba; Billy Gunner Mitchell, Los Angeles, Cal.

Gene Moraney, Harrisburg, Pa.; Eska Mosley, New York; Benny Munoz, New York; Joe Murray, New York; Chick Musgrove, California.

Billy Nelson, Trenton, N. J.; Tiger Nelson, New York; John North, Dade City, Fla.; Joe Novoa, Mexico; Butch O'Hara, Vallejo, Cal.; John Ortega, Beloit, Wis.; Eundero Patino, Tex.; Tommy Peavy, Jacksonville, Fla.

John Phillips, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Tony Pignatore, Newark, N. J.; Dan Pinto, Columbus, O.; Bobby Plant, New York; Charley Pope, Milwaukee, Wis.; Del Campo Provost, California; Jimmy Prior, Gary, Ind.; Babe Querion, Waterville, Me.; Al Raino, Nutley, N. J.; Gilberto Ramirez, Mexico; Johnny Ramirez, California; Chato Ramos, Mexico; Herb Reed, Asbury Park, N. J.; Al Reid, Elizabeth, N. J.

Stanley Reitzner, Appleton, Wis.; Nick Restano, Newark, N. J.; Johnny Rinaldo, New York; Tony Rios, Mexico; Harold Robbins, Vancouver, Can.; Al Robinson, Fresno, Cal.; Sid Rochester, Savannah, Ga.; Jimmy Rogers, Bridgeport, Conn.; Joe Rogers, Bridgeport, Conn.; George Ross, Sydney, N. S.; Eddie Russey, California; Bill Ryan, New Orleans, La.; Danny Ruggerio, Yonkers, N. Y.

Pete Sanchez, Galveston, Tex.; Jimmy Sanders, Warren, O.; Wilfred Scott, Los Angeles, Cal.; Raymond Serrano, Houston, Tex.; Earl Shaw, New York; Bill Shelton, Phoenix, Ariz.; Bob Shoemaker, Cincinnati, O.; Joey Silva, California; Freddie Silvano, Honolulu; Al Silverman, New York; Tommy Sloane, Bridgeport, Conn.; Al Smith, Springfield, Mass.

Phil Smith, Cincinnati, O.; Ray Solomon, New York; Edwin Steen, California; Howell Steen, Dallas, Tex.; Carl Steen, New York; Hugh Stell, Salina, Kans.

Oscar St. Pierre, Fall River, Mass.; Llewelyn Strohlen, Honolulu; Billy Strunk, Oklahoma; Rocky Sullivan, Belchertown, Mass.; Leo Sweeney, Tacoma, Wash.

Johnny Tabbs, St. Louis, Mo.; Chuck Tanguay, Biddeford, Me.; Johnny Taylor, Oakland, Cal.; Irving Teague, New Jersey; Johnny Terriano, Norwalk, Conn.; Joe Torrens, New York.

Jose Torres, New York; Art Tracy, Detroit, Mich.; Larry Trader, Texas; Shangy Tsukano, Hawaii; Max Turner, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Don Uzar, Perth Amboy, N. J.

Johnny Vann, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Tommy Varsos, Mexico; Aurillo Vasquez, Mexico; Folly Villages, El Centro, Cal.; Henry Savage, Philadelphia, Pa.

Melvin Wade, Baltimore, Md.; Dick Wagner, Portland, Ore.; Frank Wallace, Houston, Tex.; Herschell Wallace, Houston, Tex.; Bee Zee Washington, Washington, D. C.; Tom Welch, Columbus, O.

Eddie Weller, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Johnny Wells, Camden, N. J.; Eddie Wharton, Portland, Ore.; George Wilson, New York; Jimmy Wilson, Southwark, Conn.; Mickey Wilson, Detroit, Mich.; Bob Winters, Philadelphia, Pa.; Allie Wolf, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Henry Wong, Portland, Me.

Frankie Young, Boston, Mass.; Paddy Young, New York; Charley Zack, New York; Mickey Zangara, New York; Billy Zaduck, Toronto, Can.

Chris Adcock, Rochdale, Eng.; Paddy Boxall, Australia; Dacy Donoghue, Australia; Dave Edwards, Liverpool, Eng.; Henry Hall, Sheffield, Eng.; Dick Harris, Australia; Reg Hoblyn, Hounslow, Eng.; Morley Nightingale, Ipswich, Eng.; Ginger Ward, Merthyr; Johnny Shaw, Australia.

Al Evans, Newport, R. I.; Leon Evans, Baltimore, Md.; Joey Fagan, Port Richmond, Pa.; Howard Faulkner, Moundsville, W. Va.; Russell Fehl, Bayonne, N. J.; Joey Ferrier, Trenton, N. J.; Bob Ferris, Elizabeth, N. J.; Charley Finley, New York; Don Fitzgerald, Bremerton, Wash.; Dixie Fleming, California; Pedro Flores, Philadelphia, Pa.; Louis Flyer, Los Angeles, Cal.; Pat Franco, Newark, N. J.; Al Franklin, Washington, D. C.; Ben Franklin, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Herb Freeman, Waterbury, Conn.; Charlie Frick, New York; Billy Furrone, Philadelphia, Pa.; Ralph Garrison, Seattle, Wash.; Eddie George, Waterville, Me.; George Gavin, Montreal, Can.; Mickey Gibbs, New York; Pat Gill, New York; Joe Gillis, Holyoke, Mass.; Al Gonzales, California.

Lightweights
(Not exceeding 135 pounds)
World's Champion
International title vacant.

The leading contenders in order of their merit, based on year's performances:

*1—Bob Montgomery, Philadelphia, Pa.
*1—Ike Williams, Trenton, N. J.
(* The New York champion and N.B.A. crown wearer are deadlocked for the top honors.)
3—Johnny Bratton, Chicago, Ill.
4—Wesley Mouzon, Philadelphia, Pa.
5—John Thomas, Los Angeles, Cal.
6—Enrique Bolanos, Los Angeles, Cal.
7—Vic Patrick, Australia.
8—Larry Cisneros, Los Angeles, Cal.
9—Chester Rico, New York.
10—Allie Stolz, Newark, N. J.

The fighters below are grouped according to their ability:

(Group 1)

Willie Beltram, N. Y.; Julie Bort, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Patsy Brandino, Hamilton, Ont.; Santa Bucca, Phila.; Gene Burton, Cranton, Pa.; Kid Bururu, Cuba; Verne Bybee, San Francisco, Cal.; Benny Calla, Cal.; Charley Lulu Costantino, N. Y.; Mike Delia, Los Angeles, Cal.; Johnny Dell, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Pat Demers, Brockton, Mass.

Tommy Greb, Boston, Mass.; Vic Grupico, San Francisco, Cal.; Proctor Heinold, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Paulie Jackson, Reading, Pa.; Caesar Julio,

Mexico; Gene Joyce, Chicago; Jimmy Joyce, Gary, Ind.

Maurice "Lefty" LaChance, Lewiston, Me.; Eddie Landers, Chicago, Ill.; George LaRover, Philadelphia, Pa.; Dorsey Lay, Philadelphia, Pa.; Memo Llanes, Mexico; Bobby McIntire, Detroit; Carlos Malacara, Mexico; Tony Mar, Sonora, Mexico.

Gus Mell, Montreal, Can.; Ace Miller, Toledo, O.; Frankie Moore, Oakland, Cal.; Ernie Petrone, Philadelphia, Pa.

Eddie Prince, Detroit, Mich.; Doll Rafferty, Milwaukee, Wis.; Leo Rodak, Chicago, Ill.; Bobby Ruffin, Astoria, L. I.; Paul "Fancy Pants" Reguejo, Los Angeles, Cal.; Freddie Russo, Irvington, N. J.

Pedro Firpo, Camden, N. J.; Jess Flores, Stockton, Cal; Juste Fontaine, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Robert Buddy Garcia, Galveston, Tex.; Ted Mustang Garcia, Denver, Colo.; Kid Gavilan, Cuba; Kid German, Trinidad; Eddie Giosa, Philadelphia.

Pat Scanlon, Ozone Park, L. I.; Cleo Shans, Los Angeles, Cal.; Maxie Shapiro, New York; Richie Shinn, San Francisco, Cal.; Charley Smith, Newark, N. J.; Nick Stato, Springfield, Mass.; Bobby Yaeger, Los Angeles, Cal.; Humberto Zavala, Mexico; Rudy Zidell, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Charlie Ashenden, Australia; Ronnie James, Cardiff, Wales; Eddie Miller, Australia; Tom Smith, Sunderland, Eng.

(Group 2)

Freddie Addeo, Brooklyn; Chino Alvarez, Tampa, Fla.; Dom Amoroso, Jersey City, N. J.; Tony Antognoli, N. Y.; Jetson Arnold, Phila.; Joey Bagnato, Toronto, Can.; Arturo Barron, Cal.; Melvin Bartholomew, New Orleans, La.; Billy Bates, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Eddie Bertolino, Galveston, Tex.; Pedro Biesca, Mexico City, Mex.; Dino Bleta, Clinton, O.; Arbie Bowie, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Augie Brett, Hartford, Conn.; Joe Brown, New Orleans, La.

Joe Bulldog Camagueyano, Cuba; Tony Campbell, U.S.A., Rock Island, Ill.; Joey Carkido, Youngstown, O.; Juan Carrera, Puerto Rico; James Carter, New York.

Ray Carter, Chicago, Ill.; Lou Cassiano, N. Y.; Tony Chavez, Los Angeles; Willie Cheatum, Phila.; Jimmy Collins, Phila.; Frank Conti, Haverhill, Mass.; Sgt. Dick Cook, Peoria, Ill.; Johnny Conti, Trenton, N. J.; Aurelio Cruz, Cal.; Florient Desmarais, Manchester, N. H.; Georgie Dunn, Hartford, Conn.; Billy Eddie, Detroit, Mich.

Tony Guadalajara, Mexico; Ernie Guisti, West Warwick, R. I.; Leon Haire, Philadelphia, Pa.; Georgie Hansford, Los Angeles, Cal.; Eddie Hudson, Coast.

Billy James, Honolulu; Lew Jenkins, Sweetwater, Tex.; Abie Kauffman, Philadelphia, Pa.; Julie Kogon, New Haven, Conn.; Walter Colby, Blasdell, N. Y.; Joey Krikis, New York; Snooks Lacey, New Haven, Conn.; Jackie Leamus, New York; Francis Leonard, Taunton, R. I.; Frankie Leta, Irvington, N. J.; Roy Lewis, Honolulu; Eddie Marcus, Los Angeles, Cal.; Dave Marsh, Akron, O.; Slavin Jones, Milwaukee, Wis.

Al Medrino, Los Angeles, Cal.; Victor Moreno, Venezuela; Mexican Joe Peralta, Tamaqua, Pa.

Jimmy Pierce, Vancouver, Can.; Henry Polowitzer, Hartford, Conn.; Benjamin Prado, Mexico; Rocco Progano, Stamford, Conn.; Mike Raffa, Taunton, Mass.; Doug Ratford, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Joey Ray, Tampa, Fla.; Joe Robleto, California.

Diego Sosa, Cuba; Patsy Spataro, New York; Gene Spencer, Chicago, Ill.; Freddie Taylor, Denver, Colo.; Saul Torres, Mexico; Al Victoria, New York; James Warren, New York; Danny Williams, Newark, N. J.; Jackie Weber, Pawtucket, R. I.

Al Erwin, St. Paul, Minn.; Alfredo Escobar, Mexico; Johnny Forte, Philadelphia, Pa.; Leo Garrett, Cleveland, O.; Patsy Giovanelli, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Archie Goodbee, Hartford, Conn.

Peter Fallon, Birkenhead, Eng.; Alf James, Southampton, Eng.; Warren Kendall, Wales; Bob Maloney, Australia; Frank Taylor, Australia.

(Group 3)

Chino Alonzo, Mexico; Alex Amador, Cal.; Chuchu Angeles, Mexico; Joey Angelo, Phila.; Luis Arguelles, Mexico; Baby Armstrong, Phila.; Anthony Arone, New Orleans, La.; Lawrence Assam, Trinidad, B.W.I.; Billy Banks, Washington, D. C.; Chico Barrado, Mexico City, Mexico; Maurice Beauchene, Brunswick, Me.

Joey Belfiore, S. Phila., Pa.; Steve Bellus, London, Ont.; Joey Brocato, N. Y.; Jennings Brotherton, Aiken, S. C.; Chuck Brown, Portland, Ore.; George Dusty Brown, Phila., Pa.; Talmadge Bussey, Detroit, Mich.; Ernie Cabral, New Haven, Conn.; Lenny Caesar, Puerto Rico.

Murray Sugar Cain, Zanesville, O.; Richie Callura, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Johnny Campbell, Brewer, Me.; Joe Carney, N. Y.; Billy Carpentier, Corning, N. Y.; Nunzio Carter, Phila.; Nick Castiglione, Chicago, Ill.; Charlie Celeste, Cambridge, Mass.; Joe Celetti, Providence, R. I.; John Chapman, Buffalo, N. Y.

Baby Chino, West Tampa, Fla.; Ivan Christie, N. Y.; Ted Christie, N. Y.; Stanley Cieslak, Detroit, Mich.; Tommy Clark, Miami, Fla.; Dell Cockayne, Des Moines, Iowa; Mario Colon, Puerto Rico; Jackie Connolly, N. Y.; Fred Coppola, Stamford, Conn.; Billy Cornwall, Des Moines, Iowa.

Vic Creelman, New York; Tim Dalton, Chicago, Ill.; Bo Davis, Kansas City, Mo.; Corky Davis, Worcester, Mass.; Dudley De Jean, New Orleans, La.; Ray Delgardo, Cuba; Vince Dell 'Orto, New York; Pat De Marco, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Vinnie De Marco, New York; Charley Dent, Kansas City, Mo.; Oliver Desmarais, Manchester, N. H.; Harry Diduck, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Johnny Donato, Berlin, N. H.; Bobby Dykes, Austin, Tex.

Frankie Gromada, New York; Lew Hanbury, New York; Harry Hintlian, Worcester, Mass.; Chief Gordon House, Houston, Tex.; Eddie Hudson, Bath, Me.; Earl Huff, Philadelphia, Pa.; Nathaniel Huskey, Coast.

Buddy Jacklich, California; Bobby Jackson, Los Angeles, Cal.; Honey Chile Johnson, Philadelphia, Pa.

Irish Eddie Kiernan, Georgia; Steve Kronis, Boston, Mass.; Joey Kushner, Syracuse, N. Y.; Tony LaBua, New York; Oscar Lewis, Newark, N. J.; Walter Cabey Lewis, New York; Johnny Lovett, Philadelphia, Pa.

Candy McDaniels, New Orleans, La.; Al Marrow, Boonton, N. J.; Chet Martin, Akron, O.; George Martin, New York.

Leo Methot, Montreal, Can.; Al Mobley, Newark, N. J.; Joe Monteiro, Wareham, Mass.; Paulino Montez, Mexico; Hubert Morris, Philadelphia, Pa.; George Neubeck, Baltimore, Md.; Charley Noel, New York; Matt Parker, Reading, Pa.; Ossie Peguese, Youngstown, O.; George Perkins, Lynn, Mass.

Vic Pignatore, New York; Joey Pirrone, Cleveland, O.; Joey Polowitzer, Hartford, Conn.; Johnny Priest, Cambridge, Mass.; Lou Prince, Princeton, N. J.; Bobby Quinn, Taunton, Mass.; George Lowell Renault, Lowell, Mass.; Jack Renault, Boston, Mass.

Len Richards, Philadelphia, Pa.; Santiago Rivera, Mexico; Jimmy Rozzo, Canada; Enrique Rodea, Mexico; Johnny Rowe, Jersey City, N. J.; Stan Rowe, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Al Smith, Newark, N. J.; Billy Smith, Medford, Conn.; Jerry Smith, Detroit, Mich.; Tommy Stenhouse, Buffalo; Harold Stine, New Brunswick, N. J.; Billy Strauss, Paterson, N. J.; Johnny Suarez, Portland, Ore.; Robert Takeshita, Honolulu; Larry Thomas, Philadelphia, Pa.; El Tigre, Phoenix, Ariz.; Bobby Thompson, Youngstown, O.; Luis Torres, Mexico; Mario Tryo, Texas; Vinnie Vazzo, Revere, Mass.; Bobby Williams, New York; Mickey Williams, New Haven, Conn.

Leroy Willis, California; Archie Wilmer, Wilmington, Del.; Bobby Waters, Philadelphia, Pa.; Tommy Wells, Manchester, N. H.; Oscar Wright, Washington, D. C.; Fred Yeager, Stamford, Conn.; Freddie Yellavich, Elizabeth, N. J.; Juan Zapate, Mexico.

Hal Bogwell, Gloucester, Eng.; Tommy Barnham, Fulham, Eng.; Billy Baxter, Liverpool, Eng.; Billy Biddles, Birmingham, Eng.

Mick Dooley, Australia; Alf Edwards, Birmingham, Eng.; Les Fuller, Australia; Jackie Green, Newcastle, Australia; Stan Hawthorne, South Shields, Eng.

Leo Heaney, Australia; Jimmy Hill, Australia; Al Moore, Australia; George Pitt, Australia; Billy Thornton, Australia; Mickey Tollis, Australia.

Billy Gibson, San Francisco, Cal.

(Group 4)

Pedro Acosta, San Antonio, Texas; Teddy Agapious, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Jimmy Allen, Phila., Pa.; Sal Amoroso, Boston, Mass.; Sammy Anders, Los Angeles, Cal.; Art Andrews, Gary, Ind.; Pedro Arco, Puerto Rico; Dan Archer, Houston, Tex.; John Archuletta, Denver, Col.; Sal Arredon, Mexico; Alberto Ayala, Los Angeles, Cal.; Dom Baccala, Baltimore, Md.

Al Baldisano, Buffalo, N. Y.; George Baltieri, N. Y.; Manny Barrows, Roxbury, Mass.; Charles Baxter, Chicago; Marty Bell, Newark, N. J.; Charlie Bellinger, N. Y.; Sonny Bentley, Phila.; Andy Best, Montreal, Can.; Levi Board, Los Angeles, Cal.; Clifton Bordies, N. Y.; Baby Quentin Breeze, Cal.; Al Briere, Putnam, Conn.; Henry Kid Briere, Hartford, Conn.; Billy Brooks, Trenton, N. J.; Baby Al Brown, Panama; Joe Brown, Bangor, Me.

Vernon Brown, Baltimore, Md.; Leon Broxton, Phila., Pa.; Felix Bueno, San Francisco, Cal.; Sam Burch, Cincinnati, O.; Fred Burke, West Palm Beach, Fla.; Raul Bristamente, Mexico; George Butler, Waterbury, Conn.; Willie Caesar, Havana, Cuba; Nick Camarata, New Orleans, La.

Mariano Canales, Havana, Cuba; Freddy Cappolo, Hartford, Conn.; Billy Carlisle, Cal.; Chevo Carvajal, Mexico; Raymond Castro, Phoenix, Ariz.; Everett Chapman, N. Y.; Joe Ciarmella, N. Y.; Willard Coffey, Chicago, Ill.; Alex Campo, Youngstown, O.; Pedro Corchado, New Bedford, Conn.; Bennie Cormier, Montreal, Can.; Ralph Red Costello, N. Y.

Virgil Crook, Bangor, Me.; Bob Cummings, Lisbon Falls, Me.; Johnny Cunningham, Baltimore, Md.; Charlie Cureton, Cal.; Clem Custer, Detroit, Mich.; Jimmie Dagnon, Lewiston, Me.; Tom Daley, Maine.

Mickey Daniels, Philadelphia, Pa.; Tommy Daniels, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Tommy Daniels, Garfield, N. J.; Jerry Darby, Jamaica, L. I.; Al Davies, Tacoma, Wash.; Artie Davies, Boston, Mass.; Bob Davis, Palm Beach, Fla.

Earl Davis, Rockland, Me.; Jimmy Davis, New York; Alonzo Boyd Day, Cincinnati, O.; Billy Dayton, New Haven, Conn.; Dukey Dean, Bangor, Me.; Frankie Decarlo, Plattsburg, N. Y.; Freddy De France, New York.

Henry Deidrick, New York; Pete De James, Buffalo, N. Y.; Warren De Jean, New Orleans, La.; Al Delmont, Boston, Mass.

Joe De Maria, Waterbury, Conn.; Jerry Archer, New York; Edward Deschennes, Fall River, Mass.; Art Diaz, Los Angeles, Cal.; Mariano Diaz, Honolulu; Joe Discepoli, Cincinnati, O.; Charlie Donovan, New York; Matt Dougherty, Milwaukee, Wis.

Pat Doyle, Fall River, Mass.; Charlie Elliott, Louisville, Ky.; Ray Ellis, New York; Clyde English, New York.

Mickey Grass, Philadelphia, Pa.; Joe Gray, Biddeford, Me.; Billy Grimm, Owasso, Mich.; Roy Guerra, Houston, Tex.; Jose Guterez, Mexico; Jimmy Haller, California; Al Haille, Southbridge, Mass.; Moe Harvey, Warren, O.; Billy Heath, Des Moines, Ia.; Jimmy Hegeman, New York; Sonny Hill, Los Angeles, Cal.

Ken Hilton, Coast; Booker Hodges, Philadelphia, Pa.; Everett Hodgkins, South Windham, Me.; Joe Holmes, Boston, Mass.; Speedy Leon Hooks, Jacksonville, Fla.; Henry Hosch, New Orleans, La.; Lloyd Kid Hudson, Bath, Me.; Babe Huerata, Coast.

Pedro Ibarra, Mexico; Al Ingram, Huntington, W. Va.; Leon Jackson, Boston, Mass.; Tom Jackson, California; John Jamison, New York; Herbie Johnson, New York; Just Johnson, New York; Leo Jones, Cannonsburg, Pa.; Stanley Jordan, Milwaukee, Wis.

Johnny Jurs, San Francisco, Cal.; Walter Kahookeke, Honolulu; Morris Kapp, Providence, R. I.; Hammo Kazarian, Coast; Walt Keene, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Joe Kelly, Coast; Pat Kelly, Sudbury, Ontario, Can.; Fred Killingham, Coast; Ray Klingmyer, Baltimore, Md.; Leroy Koeth, Cleveland, O.; Bobby Labbe, Lewiston, Me.; Ritchie Labohri, Newark, N. J.

Bobby LaLonde, Chicago, Ill.; Johnny Land, Newark, N. J.; Chuck Lane, Coast; Paul LaPlaga, Newark, N. J.; Vernon Laro, Lynn, Mass.; George LaSalle, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Henry Lassain, Houston, Tex.; Red LaVasseur, Bay City, Mich.; Felix LeBlanc, Fall River, Mass.; Gene LeBlance, Fall River, Mass.; Leon LeBlond, Lisbon, Me.

Paul LeBlond, Lisbon, Me.; Ponciano Ledezma, Texas; Bobby Lee, Baltimore, Md.; Brown Kid Lee, Harrisburg, Pa.; Willie Leo, Portland, Me.; Tino Leon, Coast; Buddy Lessard, Manchester, N. H.; Red Floyd, LeVasseur, Michigan; Al Lewis, Boston, Mass.

Bobby Liftwood, Chester, Pa.; William Littlejohn, Buffalo, N. Y.; Chuchu Llanes, Mexico City; Chuck Lloyd, Cleveland, O.; Freddie Long, Coast; Louis Lopez, Mexico City; Abel Lucerne, Fresno, Cal.; Mario Luna, Coast.

Doug McDonald, Troy, N. Y.; Bobby McQuillan, Port Huron; Rudy Madera, New York; Earl Maynard, California.

Julian Malavez, Mexico; Willie Marcus, Jersey City, N. J.; Joe Marino, Paterson, N. J.; Frank Martinez, California; Ramon Martinez, Houston, Tex.; Gene Massey, Buffalo, N. Y.; Sammy Mastrean, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Butch Maxwell, Muskegon, Mich.; Earl Maynard, California; Al Mazerol, Limestone, Me.

Ray Miller, Ellwood City, Pa.; Herman Mills, Chicago, Ill.; Ken Monar, Havana; Terry Moore, Baltimore, Md.; Eddie Moran, Boston, Mass.; Pal Moran, New Orleans, La.; Billy Murphy, New York; Eddie Murphy, New York; Don Murphy, New York.

Maurice Nelson, Baltimore, Md.; George Nelson, New York; Morris Nichols, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Pete Noka, Brockton, Mass.; Nello Nucelli, Rochester, N. Y.; Jackie O'Cohen, Cincinnati, O.; Jasper O'Hanley, Montreal, Can.; Eddie O'Tash, Bridgeport, Conn.; Battling Oscar, Tampa, Fla.

Joe Palaza, Roxbury, Mass.; Frank Palmero, New York; George Paliotta, New York; Leroy Pappas, New Orleans, La.; Joe Patino, Puerto Rico; Slim Pereira, Honolulu; Edgar Parrault, Columbus, O.; Eddie Perry, Columbus, O.

Babe Piazo, California; Freddie Picone, New York; Eddie Poe, Baltimore, Md.; Pete Powers, Fall River, Mass.; Filio Prado, Mexico; Bernard Ramirez, California; Torito Ramos, Tijuana, Mexico; Danny Randy, Jersey City, N. J.; Eddie Reardon, Hartford, Conn.; Tommy Reardon, Brockton, Mass.; Sammy Reid, Greenwood, S. C.; Rollie Renaud, Montreal, Can.; Domingo Reyes, Puerto Rico; Bill Richardson, Baltimore, Md.; Ray Richardson, Baltimore, Md.; Angelo Rogers, San Jose, Cal.; Bobby Root, Cleveland, O.

Johnny Ropedo, Honolulu; Raoul Roque, Puerto Rico; Arthur Ross, New Orleans, La.; J. C. Ross, Port Huron, Mich.; Judy Ruba, San Diego, Cal.; Chucho Ruiz, Mexico; Willie Rupp, Washington, D. C.

Richie Silva, Hawaii; Ellsworth Simley, New York; Frankie Simpson, Syracuse, N. Y.; Otho Slager, Houston, Tex.; Joey Smith, New Orleans, La.; Oscar Smith, California; Jerry Smith, Detroit, Mich.; Rudy Soto, California; Jimmy Stanford, Newark, N. J.

Eddie Stout, Oklahoma; Johnny Strawberry, Philadelphia, Pa.; Eddie Sulk, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Lou Suliveres (Lou Daniels), New York; Robert Summers, Knoxville, Tenn.; Eddie Thomas, Baltimore, Md.; Freddie Tebbs, Columbus, O.

Frankie Van, Bayonne, N. J.; John Varcy, Detroit, Mich.; Al Velez, Valley Stream, L. I.; Honey Villa, New York; Juan Villalba, Tampa, Fla.

Lee Walker, California; Don Wallenfang, Milwaukee, Wis.; Joey Wasnick, New Haven, Conn.; Jesse Watson, Philadelphia, Pa.; Paul Watson, Baltimore, Md.; Tiger Weems, Chicago, Ill.; Ed White, Newark, N. J.

Jimmy Wiley, Chicago; Sterling Willey, Huntington, W. Va.; Oscar Williams, New York;

Sammy Williams, California; Tiger Wills, Columbus, O.; Bill Wilson, Corpus Christi, Tex.

Bobby Woods, Baltimore, Md.; Winslow Woodward, New York; Al Wooster, Frankfort, Me.; Charlie Wooster, Frankfort, Me.

Joe Hall, Sydney, Australia; Stan Hibbert, London; Harry Hughes, Glasgow, Scot.; Harry Legge, Bournemouth; Billy Marlow, Battersea.

Tommy Miller, Glasgow, Scot.; Al Moore, Australia; Jack Turpin, Leamington, Eng.; Joe Weatherall, Australia.

Jimmy Esposito, Elizabeth, N. J.; Billy Fears, New York; Buddy Fitzgerald, Jersey City, N. J.; Pat Foley, Worcester, Mass.; Joey Fontana, New York; Marcel Fournier, Montreal, Can.; Bolton Ford, Homestead, Pa.; Julio Franco, Bakersfields, Cal.; Frank Franconeri, Bayonne, N. J.; Raydames Freyo, Puerto Rico; Johnny Fry, Chester, Pa.; Bob Fuller, Boston, Mass.; Eddie Germaine, Portland, Me.; Douglas Gibson, New Orleans, La.; Freddy Gibson, Manchester, N. H.; Coco Kid Gilkes, Port-o'-Spain, Trinidad; Walter Gomes, New Bedford, Mass.; Mike Gonzales, Havana; Al Gomez, Chicago, Ill.

Featherweights
(Not exceeding 127 pounds)
World's Champion
Willie Pep, Hartford, Conn.

The leading contenders in order of merit, based on year's performances:

1—Phil Terranova, New York.
2—Carlos Chavez, Tampa, Fla.
3—Oscar Calles, Venezuela.
4—Miguel Acevedo, Cuba.
5—Jock Leslie, Flint, Mich.
6—Sal Bartolo, New York.
7—Jackie Graves, Minneapolis, Minn.
8—Spider Armstrong, Toronto, Can.
9—Sandy Saddler, New York.
10—Charley Cabey Lewis, New York.
11—Nel Tarleton, England.
12—Mickey McKay, Australia.
13—Mickey Francis, Australia.
14—Joey Dolan, Spokane, Wash.

The fighters below are grouped according to their ability:

(Group 1)

Mimmie Adragna, Carnegie, Pa.; Lou Alter, Montreal, Can.; Dennis Pat Brady, Hartford, Conn.; Frankie Carto, Phila.; Fabela Chavez, Los Angeles; Tony Costa, New Haven, Conn.; Speedy Cabanella, Manila; Joey Dolan, Tacoma, Wash.; Leon Garcia, Havana, Cuba.

Timothy Buddy Hayes, Boston, Mass.; Dave Hernandez, Los Angeles, Cal.; Jimmy McAllister, Baltimore, Md.; Harry Jeffra, Baltimore, Md.; Juan Leanos, Texas; Leonardo Lopez, Mexico City.

Sammy Medina, Panama.

Lorenzo Safora, Cuba, Emile Sanchez, Santa Domingo; Blonde Tiger, Lowell, Mass.; Jose Aponte Torres, Puerto Rico; Danny Webb, Montreal, Can.; Petey Virgin, Schenectady, N. Y.

Mickey Quack, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Pedro Ramirez, Mexico; Whistling Willie Roache, Baltimore, Md.

Joe Carter, Mitchaw, Eng.; Ronnie Clayton, Blackpool, Eng.; Cliff Curvis, Wales; Al Phillips, London, Eng.; Tom Smith, Sunderland, Eng.

Lino Garcia, Cuba; Baby Gonzales, Los Angeles, Cal.

(Group 2)

Davey Allen, Port Chester, N. Y.; Ramon Alva, Mexico City.; Angel Avilas, Mexico; Tom Baty, Australia; Jackie Callura, Hamilton, Ont., Can.; Bud Christman, San Francisco, Cal.; Eddie Compo, New Haven, Conn.; Steve Curley, Toronto, Can.; Harold Dade, Cal.; Archie Devino, Norwich, Conn.; Pat Eagan, West Warwick, Conn.; Bobby English, Fall River, Mass.

Jackie Harris, Malden, Mass.; Pat Iacobucci, Cincinnati, O.; Leroy Jackson, Cleveland, O.; Herbert Biff Jones, Washington, D. C.; Jackie McCoy, Los Angeles, Cal.; Benny May, Montreal, Can.; George Knox, Newark, N. J.; Augie Lapara, New Orleans, La.; Eddie Lee, St. Louis, Mo.; Joey Longo, Baltimore, Md.

Clint Miller, Elizabeth, N. J.; Tommy Monty, Brooklyn; Chico Morales, Cuba; Leo Mucucci, Portland, Me.; Manny Ortega, El Paso, Tex.; Filberto Osario, Puerto Rico; Al Pennino, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Billy Pinti, Rome, N. Y.; Rocco Progano, Stamford, Conn.; Charley Riley, St. Louis, Mo.; Manuel Rivera, Mexico.

Freddie Steele, Vancouver, Can.; Earl Trader, Wilmington, Del.; Harry Varava, New Jersey; Rudolpho Villa (Villaneuva), Mexico; Johnny Villaneuva, Texas; Willie Weasel, Philadelphia, Pa.; Ham Wiloby, Jamaica, L. I.; Johnny Wolgast, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mike Yukas, Baltimore, Md.; Manuel Zurita, California.

Paddy Dowdall, Liverpool; Gus Foran, Liverpool; Tom McGlinchey, Clydebank; Barney McVeigh, Greenock, Scot.; Cliff Morris, England.

George Rasmussen, Copenhagen; Billy Roberts, Australia; Ted Sprouter, Australia; Jimmy Stubbs, England; Syd Worgan, Wales.

Dom Fiantini, Reading, Pa.; Victor Flores, Mexico; Jackie Floyd, Philadelphia, Pa.; Bobby Gaudes, Milwaukee, Wis.; Little Giant, San Diego, Cal.; Herbert Gagnier, Montreal, Can.

(Group 3)

Kid Alexander, Washington, D. C.; Willie Alexander, Chester, Pa.; Angelo Ambrosano, Southwark, Pa.; Sammy Andrade, Juarez, Mexico; Jose Andreas, Dallas, Texas; Marciel Baptiste, Honolulu; Jean Barriere, Montreal; Morris Belkin, New York; Doc Blanchard, Boston, Mass.; Pete Bolos, Detroit, Mich.; Larry Bolvin, Providence, R. I.; Kenny Bruce, Woonsocket, R. I.; Luther Burgess, Detroit, Mich.; Chili Cantero, Cuba; Al Cella, New York; Carlos Cuebas, Puerto Rico; Art Cooper, St. Louis, Mo.; Villita De Juarez, Mexico; Al Degardo, Havana; Joe Dell, Meriden, Conn.; Jackie Dickers, St. Louis, Mo.; Joe DeSoso, New Orleans, La.; Maxie Docusen, New Orleans, La.

Al Gualteri, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Pete Hernandez, Puerto Rico; Duane Hoag, Wichita, Kan.; Joey Iannotti, New Haven, Conn.; Howard Jackson, Kansas City, Kan.; Ivan Jones, Portland, Me.; Willie Jones, Gary, Ind.

Johnny Juliano, Hartford, Conn.; Young Junior, Springfield, Mass.; Butch Maxwell, Muskegon, Mich.; Midget Mayo, Philadelphia, Pa.

Babe Kelly, Philadelphia, Pa.; Arthur King, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Pat Kitt, New York; Louis Langley, New York; John LaRusso, New York; Fred Latson, St. Louis; Pee Wee Lewis, Baltimore, Md.

Leo Milito, New York; Paul Midiri, Corona, N. Y.; Sammy Parrotta, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Roland Prairie, Montreal, Can.; Billy Reed, Indianapolis, Ind.; Marion Rhoten, Milwaukee, Wis.; Jimmy Ricco, New York; Bobby Richards, Spokane, Wash.; Gabriel Rios, New York; Tony Roberts, Boston, Mass.; Ossie Rodriquez, New York; Clement Rodriquez, Cuba.

Ruben Salazar, El Paso, Tex.; Leo Salerno, Schenectady, N. Y.; Eddie Samuels, Honolulu; Eduardo Serratos, Mexico; Jimmy Sulla, Philadelphia, Pa.; Teddy Swain, Montreal, Can.; Joe Tambe, Buffalo, N. Y.; Lou Transparenti, Baltimore, Md.; Irish Mickey Travis, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Al Turner, Trenton, N. J.; Charley Williams, Philadelphia, Pa.

Billy Alexander, Melbourne; Kid Pancho, Singapore; Ted Peckham, Bournemouth; Tommy Plowright, Derby, Eng.

Paul Febbo, Philadelphia, Pa.; Tony Ferro, Fall River, Mass.; Cedric Flournoy, Detroit, Mich.; Fearless Freddie, British West Indies; Johnny Gebert, Valley Stream, L. I.; Johnny Goode, Cincinnati, O.

(Group 4)

Jerry Abasola, Honolulu; Chuck Ashworth, Montreal; George Adams, Chicago, Ill.; Roger Allaire, Montreal, Canada; Jackie Allen, Joe Alvano, Los Angeles; Eligio Alvarez, Cuba; Manuel Anduha, Honolulu; Harold Arlington, Binghamton, N. Y.; Joey Baldoc, Boston, Mass.; Charley Bellanger, Nashua, N. H.; Edgar Bennett, Newark, N. J.; Cappy Benton, Cincinnati, O.

Lee Bohles, Cleveland, O.; Tony Bongi, Philadelphia, Pa.; Joe Borjon, Los Angeles, Cal.; Johnny Bouford, Me.; Frankie Brancetti, Montreal, Can.; Chuck Burton, Newark, N. J.; Castro Calderon, Puerto Rico; Joe Camarata, Baltimore, Md.; Willie Candido, Honolulu; Sal Cantor, Toronto, Can.; Billy Carroll, Toronto, Can.; Johnny Caster, Baltimore, Md.

Lou Castrilli, New York; Tony Cauderia, Windsor, Ont.; Lenny Cabral, Fall River, Mass.; Davey Cheatum, New Orleans, La.; Sammy Charnoff, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Sam Cicerello, Milwaukee, Wis.; George Cooper, New York; Bud "Coty" Cotter, Hartford, Conn.

Brady Craig, Del.; Icky Crane, Bangor, Me.; Joe Criss, Boston, Mass.; Ed Cummiski, New England; Sam Cureton, Newark, N. J.; Frank Curry, Baton Rouge, La.; Tommy Daly, Waterville, Me.; Eddie Dames, St. Louis, Mo.; Ray Doust, Montreal, Can.; Nick Darby, Jamaica, L. I.; Nick Davino, Norwich, Conn.; Gene Davis, New York; Henry Davis, Hawaii.

Ernie De France, Wichita, Kan.; Al Derriault, Berlin, N. H.; Joey Diaz, Tampa, Fla.; Marvin Dick, New York; Charles Doughty, Valley Stream, N. Y.

Max Doughty, Bayport, N. Y.; Tommy Doughty, Columbus, O.; Larry Doyle, Boston, Mass.; George Dresser, Boston, Mass.; Willie Dugan, New York; Ray Dulmaine, Millbury, R. I.; Nick Diaz, California.

Chuck Edwards, Los Angeles, Cal.; Jess Edwards, Houston, Tex.; Marlin Edwards, California; Dick Egan, Bangor, Me.; Jimmy Enopia, Honolulu.

Johnny Grady, Gary, Ind.; Roy Red Grant, Denver, Colo.; Mike Gravino, Niagara Falls, N. Y.; Charles Green, New York; Jimmy Green, Philadelphia, Pa.

Leslie Harris, Baltimore, Md.; Nick Harris, Philadelphia, Pa.; Spider Hatcher, Washington, D. C.; Al Headley, Charleston, S. C.; Freddie Herman, Elizabeth, N. J.; Fred Hernandez, California; Kenny Haines, Hamilton, N. Y.

Sidney Hitchkens, Coast; Ernie Hoffman, Beloit, Wis.; Jimmy Howard, Cincinnati, O.; Tommy Hudson, Cincinnati, O.; Charley Kelley, Boston, Mass.; Charlie Kelly, Detroit, Mich.; Bobby Kinder, Huntington, W. Va.; Danny King, Boston, Mass.; Jerry King, Providence, R. I.; Tommy King, Newark, N. J.; Maurice LaChapelle, Canada; George LaFalgio, New York; Ralph LaSalle, New York.

Percy Idlett, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Chuck Jackson, Manchester, N. H.; Bob Jarvis, Kansas City, Kan.; Joe Johnson, New Orleans, La.; Jimmy Joseph, Honolulu; Jimmy McClellan, Toledo, O.; Raul Madrid, Mexico; Leon Marcus, California; Johnny Marino, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Frank Martin, Roxbury, Mass.; Johnny Martinez, Denver, Col.

Jerry Lavigne, Montreal, Can.; William Legree, New York; Dick Lewis, Dayton, O.; Pay Linton, Aiken, S. C.; Johnny Longo, Baltimore, Md.; Ramiro Lopez, San Diego, Cal.; Al Luna, Coast.

Richard Mendoza, California; Irish Billy Miller, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Star Misamis, California; Tony Nardo, Attleboro, R. I.; Jimmy Nicholas, Montclair, N. J.; Benny O'Neil, California.

Pete Pacheco, Los Angeles, Cal.; George Perez, Galveston, Tex.; Jackie Perkins, Worcester, Mass.

Jackie Pitts, Trenton, N. J.; Bobby Polowitzer, Hartford, Conn.; Lefty Quicho, Philippines; Luis Ramos, Puerto Rico; Gerry Ramsay, Vancouver, Can.; Elroy Renteria, Mexico; Louis Renteria, California; Lenny Riley, St. Louis, Mo.; Jesus Rodriguez, Texas; Jose Rodriguez, Philadelphia; Buck Rollins, Trenton, N. J.; Luis Romero, Texas; Gil Roy, Waterville, Me.

Victor Sagpang, Honolulu; Donald Scanlon, Ozone Park, L. I.

Johnny Settles, Philadelphia, Pa.; Al Sforza, Troy, N. Y.; Dave Shade, Lewiston Me.; Wayne Sheppard, California; Billy Sheridan, Portland, Me.; Dan Siller, Stamford, Conn.; Fags Simmons, Savannah, Ga.

Eddie Smith, New York; Billy Sparks, Phoenix, Ariz.; Martin Taber, Providence, R. I.; Enos Tebo, Hartford, Conn.; Phil Thomas, New York; Terry Thompson, St. Louis, Mo.

Slim Suzuki, Hawaii; Billy Swaboda, Baltimore, Md.; Henry Trott, Salem, Mass.; Tommy Umeda, Havana; Tito Valles, New York; Joe Valitin, Puerto Rico; Kid Waianae, Honolulu; Allie Weber, Pawtucket, R. I.; Philip Williams, New Orleans, La.; Grady Wilson, New York; George Wright, New York.

Yasu Yasutake, Honolulu; Orville Young, California; Vic Young, New York; Sammy Zellman, Montreal, Can.; Jerry Zollo, Boston, Mass.

Max Broadbent, Melbourne; Mickey Donovan, Manchester; Ray Edwards, England; Al Hutt, Liverpool; Bert Jackson, Fleetwood, Eng.; Cliff Jones, Australia.

Joe Kay, Norwich, Eng.; Eric Powell, Manchester; Charlie Watts, Downham Market, Eng.; Charlie White, Norwich, Eng.; Jackie Wilson, Australia.

Walt Felmey, Philadelphia, Pa.; Frankie Ferney, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; Tony Ferrera, New York; Edgar Tiger Gallant, Rumford, Me.; Bobby Garcia, Cuba; Robert Garcia, Tijuana, Tex.; Joe Garcia, Modesto, Cal.; Billy Gibbons, Albany, N. Y.; Harold Cannonball Gibson, New York; Billy Gilliam, Homestead, Pa.; Al Girard, Hartford, Conn.

Jesse Glenn, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Gene Gomez, Athol, Mass.; Gevardo Gonzales, Fall River, Mass.; Gil Gonzales, Fresno, Cal.

Bantamweights
(Not exceeding 118 pounds)
World's Champion
Manuel Ortiz, El Centro, Cal.

The leading contenders in order of merit, based on year's performances:

1—David Kui Kong Young, Hawaii.
2—Luis Castillo, Mexico City.
3—Dado Marino, Hawaii.
4—Peter Kane, Liverpool, Eng.
5—Tony Olivera, San Francisco, Cal.
6—Georges Mousse, France.
7—Cliff Anderson, Trinidad, B.W.I.
8—Theo Medina, Paris, France.
9—Jackie Jurich, San Jose, Cal.
10—Benny Goldberg, Detroit, Mich.
11—Stan Rowan, Liverpool, Eng.
12—Fernando Gagnon, Quebec, Can.
13—Ernesto Aguilar, Cuba.
14—Leonardo Lopez, Mexico City.

The fighters below are grouped according to their ability:

(Group 1)

Danny Carabella, Puerto Rico.

Ron Brain, Australia; Eddie Carson, Glasgow, Scot.; Mickey Colbert, Belfast, N. Ireland; Norman Lewis, Wales.

Kenny Lindsay, Vancouver, B. C.

George Freitas, San Jose, Cal.

Stumpy Butwell, Brisbane, Australia.

Black Pico, Cuba; Armando Puenti Pi, Cuba; Jorge Robles, Mexico.

Jackie Turner, Vancouver, Can.

(Group 2)

Jimmy Callura, Hamilton, Canada, Baby Face Daniels, Trinidad, B. W. I.

Charles Kerr, Perth; Jackie McCall, Jarrow, Wales; Teddie O'Neil, Scotland; Ken Stanford, Australia; Jimmy Webster, South Africa.

Kid Marolito, Cuba; Tommy Kiene, Savannah, Ga.

Kuku Ortiz, Mexico.

Frank Pucci, Toronto, Can.; Eddie Reyes, Honolulu; Gene Richards, Montreal, Can.; Frankie Rivera, Kansas City, Kan.

Chilindrina Valencia, Mexico; Val Valentino, Los Angeles.

(Group 3)

Paul Carabetta, Mansfield, Ohio; Joey Clemo, Portland, Ore.; Jack Cunningham, Paterson, N. J.; Al Ellis, Detroit, Mich.

Eddie Hines, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Ralph McNeil, Springfield, Mass.; Jimmy Jeannette, New York; Gene Kelly, Austin, Tex.; Vince Lauria, Camden, N. J.

Jimmy Parlin, Philadelphia; Johnny Perry, Honolulu.

Joey Puig, New York.

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NEWS *of the* MAT WORLD

By "STANLEY"

Bob Wagner, one of wrestling's toughest wildmen.

THE big news of wrestling continues to be Primo Carnera. Ever since he started his tour of the United States a few months ago, Primo has broken all box office records and promoters keep clamoring for his services. On November 22 the huge Italian engaged in his 70th contest when he threw Friedrich Von Schacht in Chicago before 8,000 fans. The paid admissions amounted to $17,525 which was a reminder of the golden days of the sport.

The bout was billed as an exhibition, as the Illinois Athletic Commission does not sanction professional wrestling matches. But exhibition or not, the patrons came out in droves to see Carnera strut his great bulk.

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Word has reached this country that the famous world traveler Jim Londos is in Australia. His many admirers may be interested to know that the popular Greek defeated one Seelie Samara with a Boston crab hold. Londos weighed 211 and his victim 236. Australia is treating Jim very well and he is showing before packed houses.

Ken Kenneth, a 240-pound New Zealander, recently arrived on the West Coast where he has started a nationwide tour. We understand that he has plenty of class and look for his tour to be a success.

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MAURICE (ANGEL) TILLET likes the United States so well that he has applied for U. S. citizenship at the Chicago District Court. His petition states that he was born in St. Petersburg, Russia, on Oct. 23, 1903, of French parents and that he considers himself a Frenchman. Tillet was the original Angel and he has done very well since he arrived here before the war.

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When Ernie Dusek, the Omaha wildman, bounced Fred Blassie on his head in Cleveland, Fred sustained a serious head injury. The newspapers throughout the country carried the story and played it up. It seems that people were so amazed that anyone could be seriously injured in a wrestling bout that the story made news. We carried a story in a recent issue of THE RING that wrestling was a dangerous sport, and that men could be badly hurt. Several letters appeared on our desk from people who couldn't believe it. I refer them to the Dusek incident.

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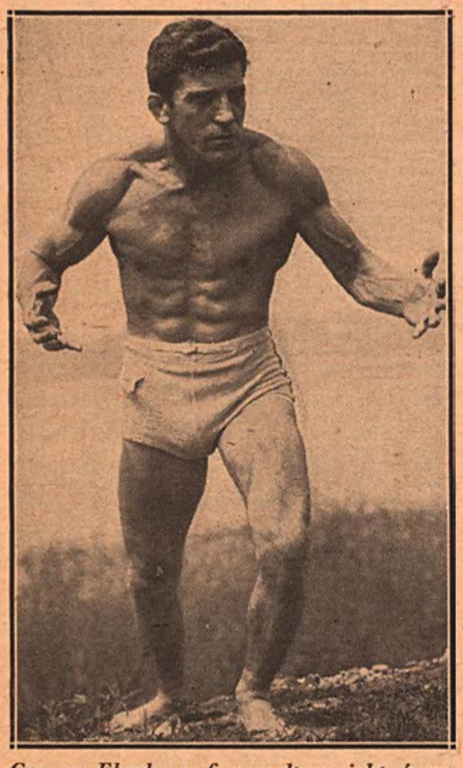
Jack Sharkey, former heavyweight boxing champion of the world, who lost his title to Primo Carnera in 1934, will referee some of Primo's wrestling bouts. It will be interesting to see these two old rivals in the same ring, but in different roles.



George Eberly a fine welterweight from New Jersey.

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Strangler Lewis is doing a lot of refereeing around Minnesota.

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Don Plechas, the 240-pound protege of John Pesek, is showing his wares in Kansas City, which is a very good wrestling town. Danno O'Mahony is also doing well in Kansas City.

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George Eberly, a good welterweight from New Jersey, has been doing a lot to build up the sport for the lighter men. George is a very powerful chap for his 150 pounds and has a good knowledge of the finer points. He claims to be undefeated by anybody his weight and has met men who have outweighed him 75 to 100 pounds. We would like to see other men in the lighter divisions brought to the front to build up the sport. There is no doubt that the lighter the man the faster the match and the more action the customers can expect.

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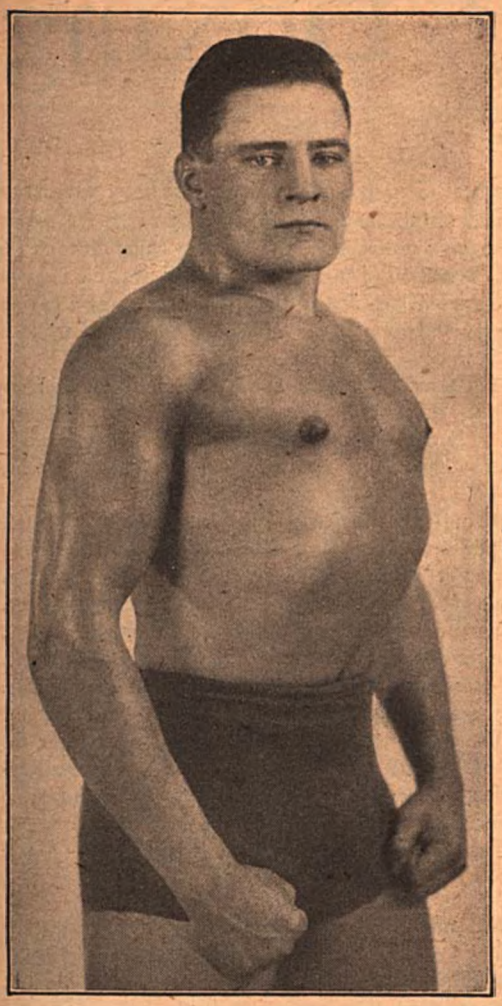
CARL E. HAYDEN, our Idaho-Wyoming-Montana correspondent, sends in this interesting note:

If a suitable hall is available, Promoter Joe Parker of Idaho Falls, Idaho, plans to stage boxing bouts and wrestling matches this winter in the city.

Parker promoted in Eastern Idaho towns previous to the last World War and recalls with a smile his first days. While farming, he arranged a card as a feature of a celebration at Rexburg, Idaho. Celebration committeemen volunteered to help him at the doors. Parker observed the jam-packed crowd with satisfaction but when he turned to count the stubs he found that only 10 tickets had been sold. Committeemen had generously admitted their friends free, and every committeeman had a lot of friends that day.

Result: Parker had to sell one of his horses to pay the expenses.

Enrique Torres, handsome Mexican with a spectacular style.



Danno O'Mahony, an old-timer who is now doing well around Kansas City and vicinity.

BOB WAGNER writes: "The public not only doesn't understand me, but isn't making any effort to appreciate me," complains Bulldog Bob Wagner, matdom's popular villain.

"I'm all out to win every minute. If my opponents can't stand up because they don't know how to defend themselves, it's their hard luck!" he argues.

But this general misunderstanding and "unjust" treatment seems to have dogged Wagner wherever he's appeared.

He was jailed in Wichita Falls, Tex., for inciting a riot; nearly lynched by a frenzied mob in Dallas; knifed several times in the Carolinas—where he says everyone he met seemed to carry some sort of sharp weapon—and nearly shot by a furious ringsider in the coal field area of West Virginia.

"The old fellow reached through the ropes and buried a .45 in my stomach. Luckily he was too wrought up to press the trigger and I had to drop my opponent and take the gun away from him. Made me lose the match, too!" the Bulldog relates bitterly.

"The man was a perfect stranger. I guess he didn't like the cobra sleeper holder I was using," he added.

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WRESTLING for eleven years, Wagner, who is wrestling on the Pacific Coast for the first time, has had some 2000 matches, averaging 200 bouts a year. He boasts that he has wrecked weaklings throughout Mexico, Canada and all parts of the United States.

While he has never held a title except as a super-villain, Wagner holds wins over some of the toughest of the champions, including Ed Don George, Strangler Ed Lewis and Danno O'Mahony.

Wagner credits his amazing stamina—one of the advantages that helps him wear down all opponents, along with his terrific elbow smashing ability and iron gams to his experience as a boxer before he started to wrestle.

He advanced quite a way in the pro fight game around Portland, packing a punch they still talk about in the northwest. He knocked out Young Firpo in his last fight and then hung up the mitts to try wrestling. "I decided you last longer in wrestling than you do in boxing," Bulldog explained.

He'd started his sports career as a race driver and piloted big cars on dirt tracks with Ralph de Palma, Ralph Lockhart and other big timers, but after seeing and being in some bad spills gave up the track for boxing.

Wagner left wrestling for war work and was employed in a northern shipyard when he was drafted. He came out on a medical discharge and then served for some time as business agent for the Boiler Makers' Union.

"But I had to get back to wrestling whether I'm admired in the game or not," the Bulldog explains. "It's the greatest sport on earth."

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ENRIQUE TORRES, the Jack-the-Giant Killer of wrestling, is looking for more—and tougher giants.

Like the story-book hero who emerged from obscurity to gain immortal fame by scrambling up a beanstalk and killing a dread giant, so Torres has emerged from Mexico's amateur wrestling ranks to make a sensational dash straight up to the top of the Pacific Coast's mat ladder—to knock down a whole horde of gigantic villains, and become one of the most popular idols in the game.

Tall, dark and strikingly handsome, the Latin heavyweight threat is always swankily dressed, away from the mat, and looks more like a glamorous rhumba king than a wrestler.

That slick suaveness is discarded the minute he enters the ring, however, and the atmosphere is charged with dynamite every second the torrid Torres is in action. Powerful, fast, scientific and quick on the up-take, the Latin powerhouse is undefeated since he entered the southland ranks early last June.

ANOTHER PAL HAS GONE!

AND now Damon Runyon, noted author and newspaper columnist, bon vivant, as colorful a personality as any of the Broadway characters he so loved to write about, and one of the most loyal pals boxing ever has known, has joined the other two members of the triumvirate that made a big-time pugilistic promoter of Mike Jacobs.

Differences with Jimmy Johnston, then matchmaker of Madison Square Garden, prompted Runyon, Ed Frayne and Bill Farnsworth, representing the Hearst papers in New York, to break away from the House That Tex Built, and organize a new club for the staging of their annual Milk Fund and Christmas Fund shows.

Jacobs was prevailed upon to "front" for the combine, and the first card featured Barney Ross and Billy Petrolle at the Bronx Coliseum early in 1934.

That started the Twentieth Century S. C. on its spectacular way, and with the acquisition of Joe Louis, Jacobs and his colleagues became the dominant force in boxing.

Eventually, Frayne and Runyon severed their connections with the organization, Ed returning to California, and Damon devoting his activities to his newspaper column, magazine stories and motion picture productions. Farnsworth remained with the club in the capacity of general manager.

Frayne was the first of the trio to pass along the trail that knows no returning. He died in 1944. Farnsworth followed in 1945. Now Runyon has gone.

Jimmy Johnston, whose dispute with the Hearst writers was responsible for the formation of the Twentieth Century S. C., and the rise of Jacobs as a promoter, also has heard the last toll of the Great Referee.

And, as this is being written, Jacobs himself lies critically ill in a hospital.

Golden Boys *of* Boxing

By TED CARROLL

EVERY once in a while a fighter comes along who is touched with box office magic, the kind that keeps the customers coming in a golden flow, win, lose or draw. These Heaven-sent individuals are usually few and far between and when such a one bobs up the ring game has itself a new golden boy. In the past, some of these mitt magnets have petered out before the full extent of their box office powers have been reached. Ruby Goldstein and Jimmy Slattery being a couple of good cases in point. Others like Louis and Dempsey have gone on to greatness, gold and glory.

It's been a long time since a pug has come along with the gate pulling potentialities of Rocky Graziano. Minus a title and barely past the preliminary stage, the East Sider certainly has what it takes to pack an arena. While in the service, the writer wondered at the money figures of Graziano fights. After seeing him in action for the first time, it's perfectly clear why this wild-haired walloper is Boxing's Golden Gladiator.

No great fighter yet, Graziano is in a class by himself as an exciter. Even in the Zale fight which he lost, there wasn't a soul in the park who wouldn't be right back the next night to see Rocky in there again—with anybody. When he shoves his shaggy head through the ropes drama and suspense march into the ring with him and that's what the paying public prizes above all else.

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ALL of Graziano's fights have been like that with the customers on the edge of their seats throughout, all in a dither over what's going to happen next. The Zale brawl, an up and down affair, was the most pulse tingling title bout in years, made so mainly by Rocky's rough and ready wrangling. Zale had been no ball of fire in previous New York appearances.

There's an old saying figures never lie, and the figures tend to prove that Graziano is the greatest attraction, potentially, among little men in the past 20 years. When a middleweight bout can outdraw a heavyweight title match featuring the great Joe Louis, no less, it is truly remarkable. Zale is a fine fighter and a grand champion but there is no record that New Yorkers ever knocked down the doors to see him in years gone by.

A quick glance at box office figures of Graziano fights, discloses the amazing fact that the New York boy enticed one million dollars through the turnstiles in a little over 18 months. Inflation not withstanding, this is amazing.

Fresh out of the preliminaries he put $66,000 into the till in two fights with Harold Green at the Garden. Tossed into the Garden ring with the then top sensation, Billy Arnold, in a sacrifice play, Rocky, the lamb, turned into the lion before a fifty thousand full house, flattened the Philadelphian and the golden deluge had begun.

The first Cochrane kayo took place before $72,000 worth of customers, $100,469 was in the till the second time Cochrane kissed the canvas. Roughhousing Harold Green was belted out as the cash register tingled to the tune of $104,000. With small club scrapper Sonny Horne in the other corner the Graziano name was worth $109,000 to the promoters, as receipts hit that figure.

The topper was yet to come however, the all time Garden high for boxers under the heavyweight class, $173,000. That's what New York fight fans paid to see Rocky belt Marty Servo into retirement.

The Graziano hysteria had reached the stage in New York where the folks could hardly wait to get their dough up for his match with Zale, with the result that when the fight finally came off it topped the Louis-Mauriello card $342,497 to $335,063 Not within the memory of the oldest settler has a middleweight melee outmatched a heavy extravaganza in money.

THE management of such a money magnet is beset with many difficulties and pitfalls any one of which may be the means of destroying the goose that lays the golden eggs. Much care must be given the selection of opponents as there are few fighters like Louis, for example. Speaking of the Bomber, a shrewd boxing operator remarked, "There's one guy where you can't make a bad match."

Whether the 154 pound Graziano suffered any ill effects from the Zale embroglio, is for the future to decide. The disastrous effects of one matchmaking slip-up comes to mind in the career of Ruby Goldstein, now one of the country's most capable referees.

Back in the roaring twenties Ruby, baby-faced and bomb-fisted, was the toast of the town. They literally knocked down the doors when Ruby appeared. Frantic followers caved in the entrances to Lou Raymond's old Pioneer Club one winter evening long ago. It never made any difference who Ruby was fighting, just a look at the East Side Jewel's gliding footwork, picture boxing style, and pulverizing punching, and the customers went home happy.

After bulging small clubs at the seams and jamming the Garden during the winter of 1926 Ruby seemed all set for the lush long green of the ball parks. But wait, good old Lew Raymond, under whose benevolent direction Ruby had climbed to such eminence, was promoting at the old Coney Island Arena. One shot for good old Lew and then the big stuff.

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EVERYTHING might have been all right but for one little thing. Hymie Cantor, Ruby's manager, loved the cherubic youngster like a father. Hymie carried a list divided into two parts. One row contained the names of all those acceptable as opponents for his prodigy. The other named those who might cause more than a little trouble.

After some misguided soul had suggested a crude, mauling, easy to hit westerner as a perfect foil for Goldstein, Hymie consulted his list. No—the guy's name wasn't on the "bad" line-up —O.K.!

The fight took place, the sucker's name was Ace Hudkins. The day following the east side was looking for a new glamor boy, poor Hymie grieved himself away, and Ruby never recovered his old skill and sock.

Hudkins turned out to be just about the toughest, baddest, little man since Battling Nelson. Fight fans have often wondered what Ruby's limits would have been had fancy boxing but light hitting Sammy Mandell for instance, and not the Ace, been in that other corner. One Bad match.

A great load rests upon the fighter himself when he is a crowd puller of the Graziano type. As his bankroll grows the call of the primrose path comes ever louder, more insistent.

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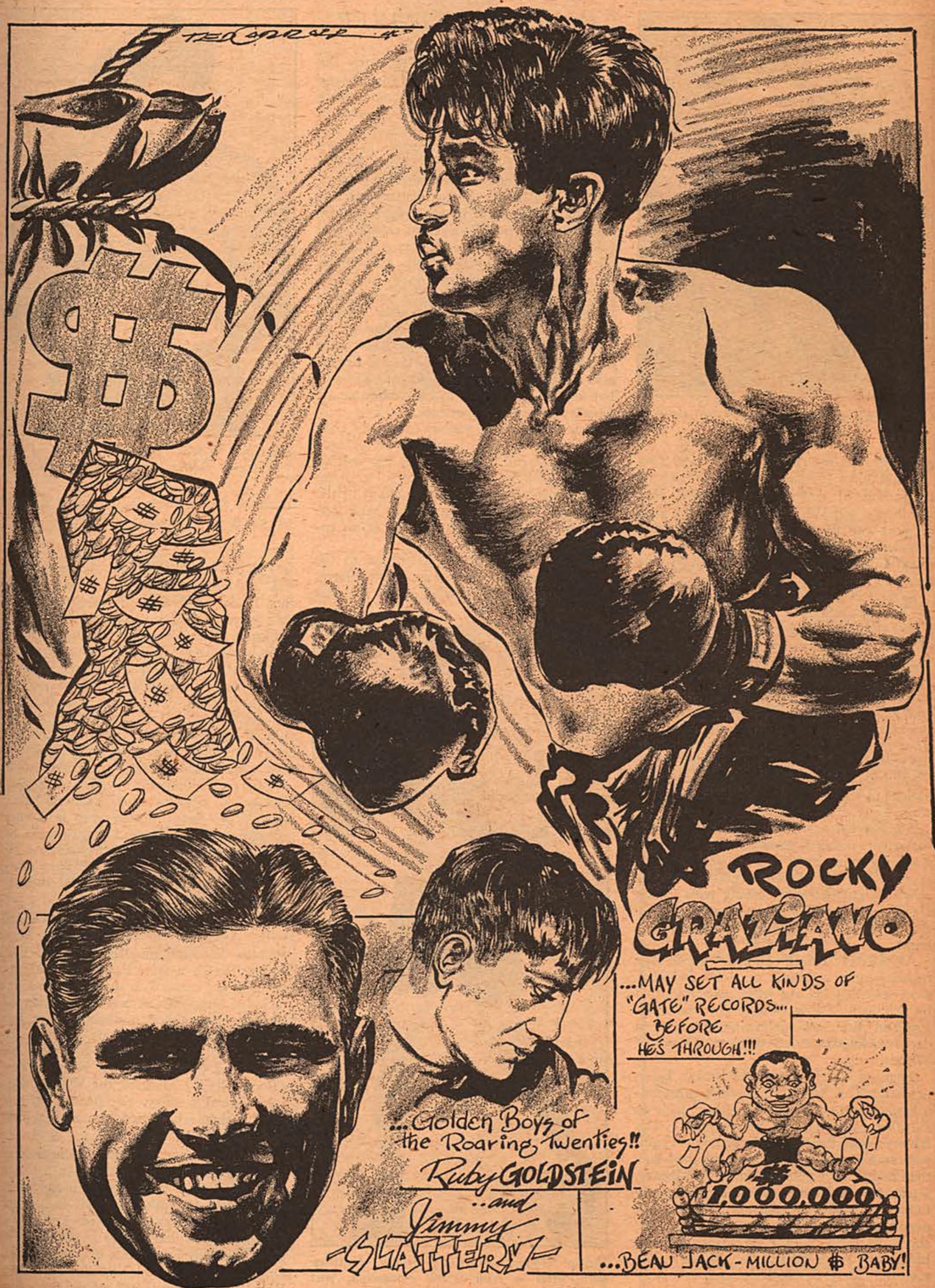
RECENT dispatches told of a benefit being held for Jimmy Slattery. It seems so long ago now but there was a time when Buffalo James was the Golden Boy of the Ring. Slattery, a beautiful performer in action, was potentially one of the greatest gate attractions in the long history of boxing. But the willowy Irishman loved life and its excitement, joys and revelries. Too much so, for one in his calling, and a career that should have blazed forth in a golden glitter drifted into dalliance.

The same fate overtook Kid Chocolate. The satiny Cuban, a darling of New York fight crowds, found out too late how true the old saying is about burning the candle at both ends. What an attraction the Patent Leather Kid was! Dazzling in action, he had a personality that combined boyish charm with color. Children followed him on the streets. To *(Continued on page 37)*

They Kept Up Interest in Pugilism



THE CREAM *of the* 1946 CROP

By THE OBSERVER

Pete Mead, middleweight, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

THE late departed annum of 1946 may not have been any too prolific in its production of embryo Joe Louises, Ray Robinsons and Willie Peps, but for a year of post-war readjustment, with its many complex problems, these last twelve months didn't fare too poorly in the output of new headliners and promising youngsters.

Several lads, practically unknown beyond the limited confines of their own back yards a year ago, crashed into the upper brackets of their respective divisions during 1946. There was Chuck Taylor, for example, a colorful young Western Pennsylvania welterweight, who attracted attention by twice whipping the veteran Freddie Archer, followed up with a win over the ringwise Tony Martelliano, and earned a couple of top spots on Madison Square Garden cards. Though he dropped the decision in the first outing to Tony Janiro, he came back to whip Tony Pellone.

Another lad who moved himself up with the leaders in his division was Sam Baroudi, a willing mixer and stiff puncher out of Akron, who established himself with the middleweight elite by drawing with Chuck Hunter and pounding out a verdict over that wily old campaigner, Holman Williams.

Al (Red) Priest, popular Cambridge middleweight, managed by John Brickley, also made his bid for headline recognition by whipping Coley Welch for the New England title, and following up with a decisive knockout of Walter (Popeye) Woods.

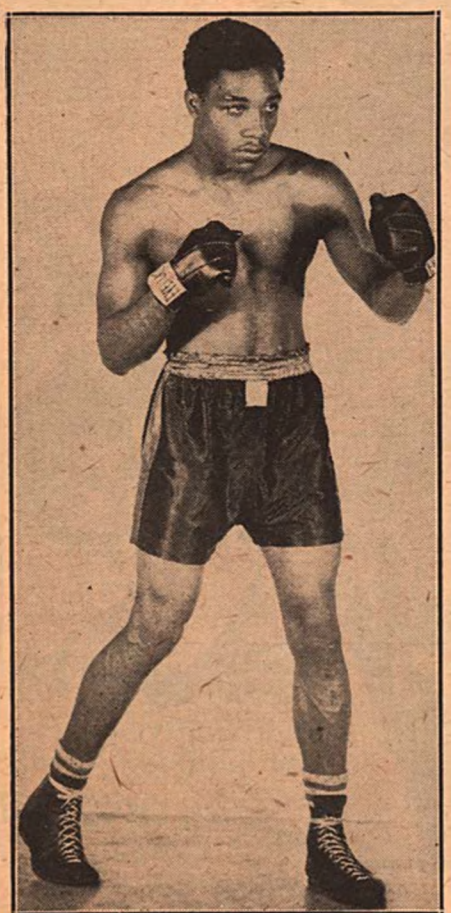
Then, of course, there was Buster Tyler, perpetrator of one of the year's outstanding surprises—a win over Beau Jack in Elizabeth, N. J. When we refer to Tyler's triumph over the former lightweight champion as a "surprise," we're thinking of how the result hit the public at large, for Buster, a transplanted Floridian, was comparatively unknown outside of Elizabeth. But his win over the Beau was not precisely a stunning shock to those who had previously seen him whip some pretty fair fighters, and give the classy Bernard Docusen two stubborn arguments.

ANOTHER newcomer to catch the favor of the fancy during the year was Pete Mead, youthful Grand Rapids middleweight, whose accomplishments in New York rings included impressive victories over such capable mechanics as Jerry Fiorello, Sonny Horne and Tony Riccio.

A familiar name to veteran ring addicts was revived by the almost sensational rise of Charley Chaney, middleweight nephew of Baltimore's noted socker of another era, George (K.O.) Chaney. Young Charley, an aggressive slugger and thunderous puncher, fought chiefly in Newark and New Haven, and reached the main event ranks in both spots after less than four months of preliminary and semi-final campaigning. Chaney's outstanding performances were knockouts of Solly Zalter, Marvin Bryant and Freddie Flores—no topliners, perhaps, but tough opposition for a youngster of Charley's limited experience.

Frankie Moore, young Oakland, Cal., lightweight, hit the headlines via a sensational one-round knockout of the veteran Chalky Wright; then, by way of proving the triumph was not exactly a flash in the fistic pan, Frankie proceeded to whip the aged but still formidable Chalky in an encore engagement.

Another Californian who forged to the front during the year was Jesse Flores, Stockton lightweight, who, up to the moment of this writing, had run off a string of thirty-nine straight victories.



Buster Tyler, Florida's Black Panther who, after a New York campaign, was inducted into the U. S. Army.

Charley "Kayo" Chaney, cousin of the famed Baltimore knockout artist.

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PERHAPS the best of the younger crop of heavyweights uncovered during 1946 was Bob Foxworth, who shifted his base of operations from St. Louis to Chicago. There have been several remarkable parallels in Foxworth's career to date with that of Joe Louis during the Bomber's early years in the trade. Like Louis, Foxworth was an outstanding light-heavy in the amateurs. A brilliant record that embraced seventy-eight consecutive triumphs in simon-pure competition was climaxed by the annexation of the Chicago Golden Gloves and National AAU titles. Also emulating Shufflin' Joe, Batterin' Bob's first professional outing was in a main event in Chicago, listed for ten rounds, but terminated by an early knockout. As this issue goes to press, Foxworth's pro record shows six straight wins, five of them by kayoes.

Two European importations who clicked with American customers were Anton Raadik, Estonian middleweight, and Cyril Gallie, Welsh welter. Raadik, campaigning in Chicago, ran off a string of wins that included knockouts of Verne Patterson and Charley Hayes and a decision over Joey LaMotta. Gallie limited his American efforts to Brooklyn rings, but despite one setback at the fists of the veteran Lenny (Boom Boom) Mancini, the Welsh youngster flashed a busy, two-handed style of milling that established him as a popular favorite with the clients.

Another visitor who gave indications of becoming popular with American fans was Gerardo (Kid) Gavilan, a Cuban welter, who looked exceptionally well in his first couple of appearances in New York rings.

Quite a few interesting newcomers also were reported in various overseas sectors. One was the youthful New Zealand welter, Bos Murphy, who tossed quite a shock into

Australians by whipping their vaunted double champion, Vic Patrick, holder of the Antipodean lightweight and welterweight titles.

Hawaii weighed in with a bid for recognition of its native welter ace, Frankie Fernandez, who topped an impressive year of operations by stopping rugged Nick Moran in Honolulu.

In South Africa, the folks became quite excited over the progress of Johnny Ralph, a young heavyweight, who, despite his brief experience, was being boomed as a contender for the British Empire title.

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ENGLAND, which never has lacked for good lightweights — remember Owen Moran, Matt Wells, Johnny Summers and Jackie Kid Berg?—apparently had two real prospects to root for in Stan Hawthorne and Billy Thompson, a pair of youngsters who were rapidly fighting their way to the top of the 135-pound division. Hawthorne had a string of twenty-three straight wins, twenty-one of them by knockouts, while the only defeat suffered by Thompson, also in twenty-three starts, was via a decision to Hawthorne.

Also outstanding among England's developments was Stan Rowan, undefeated Liverpool bantam, whose accomplishments included a knockout of Tommy Madine, the Irish champion.

One of the busiest performers in Britain was Ric Saunders, Leicester welter, who crowded thirty battles into a space of nine months—and was still running 'em off at last accounts.

Chuck Taylor, Coalport, Pa., welterweight, who has established himself as a top man.

Joe Red D'Amato, Youngstown, Ohio, 140-pounder.

Neighboring Wales became quite agog over the brilliant performance of an 18-year-old featherweight Cliff Curvis, touted as the finest little bundle of two-fisted fighting machinery uncovered there since the days of Jem Driscoll, Freddie Welsh and Jimmy Wilde.

Two other lads listed among the best of the newcomers on the tight little isle were middleweights Mark Hart and Dick Turpin.

France also popped up with several likely-looking youngsters, among them middleweight Laurent Dauthille; welters Robert Villemain and Jean Walzack, and bantam Georges (Mickey) Mousse. In competition with outstanding Britishers, Walzack whipped the veteran Ernie Roderick, while Mousse punched out a decision over Cliff Anderson, who rates among the world's ten top bantams.

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ON this side of the pond, a fine assortment of promising youngsters was uncovered during the past twelve months.

One of the likeliest was Bernard Docusen's younger brother, Maxie, who gave indications of becoming as accomplished a featherweight as Bernie was a welter. Still in his 'teens, Maxie was nursed along carefully, and given every opportunity to develop with the right sort of experience.

Joe (Red) D'Amato of Youngstown also rated highly among the year's newcomers. A welter, D'Amato was brought to New York by Tony Janiro, and he appeared to have patterned his style pretty much after that of his illustrious fellow-townsman. A good boxer and stiff puncher, Red definitely looked as though he was going places.

Bernie Reynolds, a light-heavy, was another who shaped up well during the year. A native of Fairfield, Conn., Reynolds shifted his stamping grounds to Cliffside Park, N. J., when he became a stablemate and protege of Gus Lesnevich, world light-heavy champion. The only loss suffered by Reynolds in a dozen starts in his first year of pro competition was to the heavier and more experienced Tom Reddington on the Lesnevich-Woodcock card in London.

Others prominent in the array of "new faces" to attract attention during 1946 were heavyweights Jerry McSwain of Los Angeles, Laverne Roach of Texas, and Billy "Killer" Kilroy of Paterson; welterweights Louie Bell of Milwaukee, Charley Zivic of Pittsburgh, and Billy Strauss of Paterson, and lightweights Lou Castilli and Leo Milito of New York and Joey Carkido of Youngstown.

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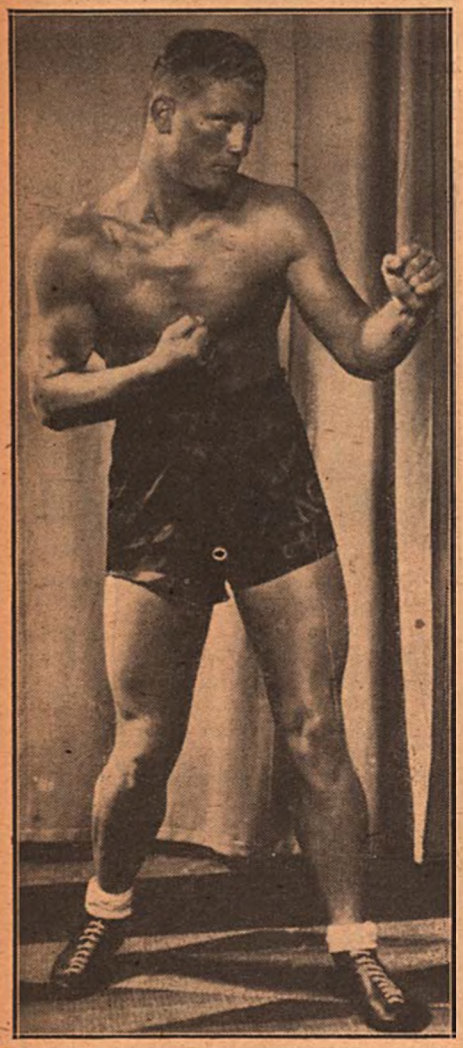
BELGIANS RESUME BOXING

By HENRY DEVRIES



Karel Sys, heavyweight.

IN area and population, Belgium may be one of the smallest nations in the Old World, but from a standpoint of sports enthusiasm and talented athletic performers the Cockpit of Europe rates second to no country on the globe.

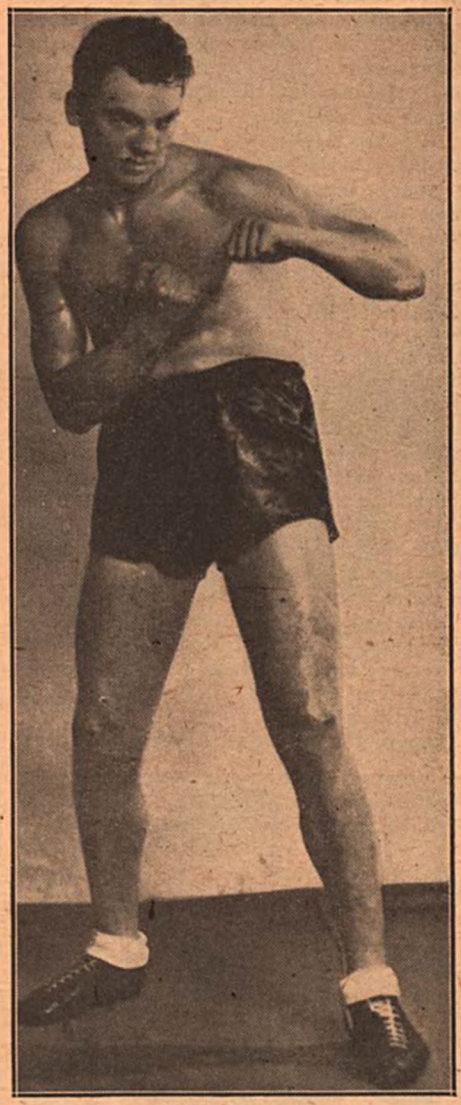
Willie Wimms, welterweight.

Rene de Vos, best of the Belgian fighters of two decades ago.

American boxing fans recall two outstanding Belgian leather-pushers who visited us and did all right for themselves during the late 1920s. One was Pierre Charles, a heavyweight handled by Gus Wilson, one-time trainer of Georges Carpentier, and later operator of the famous training camp at Orangeburg, N. Y.

The other was Rene de Vos, a middleweight, who, besides his brilliant record in American rings, also became noted as an unusual "investment" by Tony Biddle. At the time, it was something of a fad for our Society Set to become interested in boxers. Tony Biddle purchased half of De Vos' contract from his manager, Lou Burston, and engaged Jimmy (Bow-Tie) Bronson to represent his interests.

Both Charles and De Vos were good fighters. Pierre, during his stay here, fought such outstanding big fellows as Jack De-Mave, Bud Gorman, Chuck Wiggins,



Piet Wilde, heavyweight.

Napoleon Jack Dorval, Otto von Porat, George Godfrey, Jack Renault and Tommy Loughran, while Rene's most notable ac-

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Raoul Degryse, flyweight.

Nat Fleischer Says:

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identical announcement three times. Finally, someone doused the glimmers in the canvas. Those modest chores accomplished, the show was on.

"'*This program is under the direction, supervision and jurisdiction of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission,*' *bawled the announcer.*

"*That it was, and about all I can think of to say in defense of the Pennsylvania A. A. C. is that 5000 sardined suckers were extremely fortunate no fire broke out in the rattletrap Duquesne Garden, compared to which the shuttered and silent Elysium on our near East Side is a palace.*

"But not every city can have an Arena, so perhaps I am sniping at the wrong birds. What I wanted to get around to saying was that the conduct of boxing shows in Cleveland is immeasurably superior to that in Pittsburgh, and if what I saw the other evening was a true picture of the administrative effect of a state boxing commission, I am extremely happy we have local rule and local promotion.

"By the end of the third preliminary—each concluding in a knockout of one bum by another—the ring canvas was as wet as a widow's kerchief. Water was cascaded over the befuddled and stricken warriors as they were led back to their cells, and by the time the next bout was on you might well have imagined Esther Williams gliding through the puddles instead of the hairy hooligans with fists padded and heads rattling.

"Along about the fourth bout, one of the hapless youths thrown into the horror chamber was flattened out. Directly across the ring from me was the knockdown timekeeper, a geezer with a huge gavel in his right duke. When this one little hero was kissed and keeled, the timekeeper arose to his feet and began belting the canvas with the gavel. I thought he was a Democrat counting votes for a Republican until I noticed that the fighter on the floor had gained the elevation of one knee and was carrying on a bristling conversation with a writer from McKeesport. Everybody should be happy, evidently.

"Eventually the fighter arose, and I got to wondering how long he really was on the deck. Ten seconds, you know, is the limit. So I waited for another bout, and, sure enough, when one of the contestants was biffed and becalmed temporarily, I had my finger on my stopwatch. I clicked the second hand while the geezer swung the gavel. The fighter was down for an official nine-count. I began with the count and closed with it. Imagine my astonishment to discover that the nine-count took exactly 15 seconds!

"I forgot to clock the knockdown of Ezzard Charles by Jimmy Bivins in the main event, but, from memory, the toll was even slower than it was in the preliminary. In fact, several excited citizens, including some who obviously had bet on Bivins, rushed the geezer with the gavel and demanded to know who had taught him to count that way, Tunney? Regardless, Bivins probably wouldn't have knocked out Double Z had the mustached Zinzinnati Zchoolboy risen at the count of one or two. He wasn't hurt that severely.

"The refereeing was of a mighty poor grade most of the time, the preliminaries were downright amateurish and the charge was $7.75. Had Lawrence (of Cleveland) Atkins produced such a turkey here, his steady customers would have run him back to Doan's Corners for keeps.

"Oh, yes, one more quaint memory of Nov. 12th's roustabout. The promoter, Jake Mintz, announced the 'gross' receipts as $22,376 and the 'net' receipts as $20,520. It was easy to see that Mintz is an avowed New Dealer. Federal tax is 20 per cent of the gross and there is a Pennsylvania state tax to be deducted, too. So you see that money means nothing to Mintz."

That report of a night at the Duquesne Gardens in Pittsburgh, is what I mean, Messrs. Commissioners, when I talk about incompetence and improper boxing supervision. What my friend Franklin Lewis describes in the above, may be seen at clubs throughout the country.

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IN my recent trip to Savannah, Georgia, and to Charleston, South Carolina, where I lectured on boxing, its highlights and its luminaries over a stretch of fifty years, I was amazed at the lack of support granted to the promoters, Buster White in the former city and Redwood Riley at Charleston, as reported to me by these gentlemen. Considering the big turnout for my talks, and the publicity given to the lectures both before and after, I was under the impression that as in the good old days when Savannah and Charleston were listed among the South's best boxing centers, the promoters were doing a thriving business. But I learned otherwise.

It seems that because of the big name fights staged in these localities during the war, when many of the nation's leading fighters were stationed at nearby camps and therefore could take part in a pro bout now and then, the Southern fans won't come out for the poorer calibre talent now available to the promoters. They recall the names of Artie Levine, Ruben Shank, Cosby Linson, Jackie Cranford, Fritzie Zivic, Petey Sarron, Carlos Chavez, Lefty LaChance, Jimmy Hatcher among other good name battlers who fought there during the war days, and feel that they are being cheated when lesser lights are billed.

The fans seem to think that all a promoter needs do is call up the manager of a star and obtain his consent for an appearance. They don't realize that the average name fighter of this era obtains big dough even for a six or eight round bout in the bigger fight centers and that the payment of their fee plus the ordinary expenses that go in the staging of a show would soon put the promoter out of business in smaller cities. It has been proved repeatedly in New York, the greatest fight city in the world, that name battlers are not necessary for the success of a club.

Mike Jacobs, world's outstanding promoter, showed the way during the war when, with the stars in the service, he took ordinary four and six round fighters of pre-draft age and used them time and again. The crowds flocked to the Garden and the St. Nicholas Arena where Mike's shows were staged and he grossed more money with these lads than he did in pre-war days with star attractions.

WHY? Because these youngsters, eager to make a name for themselves, gave the fans thrilling bouts. The affairs usually were action-packed. The patrons forgot all about the headliners, the great name fighters, and returned in greater number show after show to see the pugilists go at each other hammer-and-tongs from gong to gong. Knockouts? Yes, many of them took place, but the curtailed program which resulted didn't bring about lessened attendances. In fact, the reverse was true!

Week after week new faces, new youngsters, boys just out of the novice class, some only recent graduates from the amateur ranks, made their debut on Garden and St. Nicholas cards and today, these are the boys who are filling the Garden as headliners. Tony Janiro, Beau Jack, Johnny Greco, Rocky Graziano, Bernard Docusen, Harold Green, Ruby Kessler, Tony Pellone, among a hundred or more others are the products of such promotion.

Buster White and Redwood Riley are doing all they can to bring boxing back to a high level in their city. They deserve the wholehearted support of the fight fans and the sports editors, without whom neither can make a success of it.

They are building up local talent just as did Mike Jacobs in New York. Commensurately their expenses are as high as those of the big time promoter, hence they cannot afford to bring to Savannah and Charleston big name fighters.

So long as the boys are evenly matched and the lads furnish the fans with pleasing performances, the shows should be well patronized.

The great difficulty encountered by the promoters through the South, is the racial problem. Mixed bouts are prohibited and Negro lads may not box on the same cards with white boys and under such circumstances the promoter is forced to work with the little white talent available. There are many good Negro fighters in the South, but because of the conditions they go north to ply their trade. Many have made good.

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THE recent bout between Elmer Ray and Jersey Joe Walcott in Madison Square Garden, a contest that was advertised as one that would probably bring forth Joe Louis' next opponent, proved one thing—neither Elmer, the so-called knockout king, nor Jersey Joe, meet the requirements. A bout between Ray and the champ would be a travesty on the sport. Against Walcott, the first honest-to-goodness fighter he has met who possesses any fighting ability, and didn't fight under wraps, Elmer failed not only to keep his string of knockouts intact, but to show that he is any better than several of the sparring mates Joe Louis had in his camp while training for Billy Conn and Tami Mauriello.

Speaking of the former, I dare say that if Billy Conn got down to serious training he could whip Elmer Ray, Joe Walcott and every fighter listed by THE RING among the ranking contenders for Louis' crown. As for Mauriello, if he gave up some of his spaghetti and beer, did some road work and took off twenty pounds, he would stop Elmer and Jersey Joe within eight rounds. Though based on recent performances Ray and Walcott are rated above Tami, of all the heavyweight fighters, he

still rates tops. Inactivity, alone, has kept Tami from gaining the highest rating for the year.

Ray and Walcott fought a close battle, but both are out as contenders.

I note where the Baltimore Commission, backed by a delegation from the Chamber of Commerce, visited Mike Jacobs to urge a fight between Louis and Curtis "Hatchetman" Sheppard for the world title, the fight to be fought in Baltimore. The Hatchetman in my opinion, is as much deserving of such a bout as is Elmer Ray.

Since those behind Ray, Tommy O'Loughlin and his partner, Bill Duffy, the man who steered Primo Carnera into a championship through the same kind of build-up now being used for Elmer, are ballyhooing Ray to the skies for a bout with Louis, I suggest that Ray be asked first to meet the Hatchetman.

Ray had a chance to face Sheppard last summer in a bout for which he was offered a fabulous sum, but after his manager had agreed to terms and a check for $10,000 was turned over to me by Max Waxman as a binder, Tommy turned the match down.

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IT happened during the month:

In the fight between Bee Bee Washington and Joe Curcio, two good middleweights, fought at the St. Nicholas Club of New York, an odd decision was rendered which caused considerable discussion among the fight fans. The referee called the bout a draw but both judges gave Washington an edge on rounds. Under ordinary circumstances Washington should have been declared the winner but in this case, Judge Harold Barnes, using the point system, declared that he had given Curcio an edge on points and declared Curcio the winner. Hence the bout ended in a draw.

Lieut. Col. Eddie Eagan, Chairman of the New York Commission, in explaining this ruling, declared that he had never altered the rules on scoring. The same rules in vogue when he took office are still in force and under the rules of the New York Commission, no matter how many rounds are given to a fighter, if the one having the losing number, in the opinion of the officials, has exhibited more skill and has gained his rounds by a far greater margin than did his opponent, he may be declared the winner.

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AT the Ocean Park Arena in California, the world's record for a knockout was scored by Sid Hitchins, a featherweight who put Trini Perez, 123 pounds, away with the very first punch. The elapsed time, officially given by the timekeeper, was 11 seconds. Here is how it happened:

Harry Shall, the trainer, ordered Sid to fire away at his opponent as soon as the gong sent the lads on their way. Sid followed instructions. He leaped from his chair, rushed to the opposite corner, and before Harry Shall could get the stool out of the ring, Trini was being counted out. He was nailed with the first blow, just one second after the bell rang.

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IN Harrisburg, Emmett Norris, Steelton, Pa., welterweight, scored two knockouts in one night. Weighing 145 pounds, he flattened Jackie Johnson of Philadelphia. Although billed for only one fight, the promoter pressed him into action a second time when he found that he needed an opponent for Jimmy Wilson, 147, of Philadelphia. Emmett obliged and this time he scored a haymaker in 2:10 of the third round.

How about the boxing commission rules which make it mandatory that all contracts for fights be filled at least four days before a bout? Ever hear of that in Pennsylvania?

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THE Laurel Gardens of Newark has suddenly developed into a hot spot for boxing. There the fans furnish the excitement after the boys who don the gloves have given an account of themselves. A few weeks ago Jake LaMotta, leading middleweight contender, stormed into the ring and protested the decision against his brother Joey. Paul Cavalier was the referee and his decision failed to meet popular approval.

But Paul is the state's outstanding referee and receives the choicest assignments and he was assigned to handle the main event at the club a fortnight later when his decision again failed to please the fans. This time, instead of leaping over the ropes as did Jake LaMotta, an irate spectator told Paul what he thought of him by grabbing a ringside chair and hurling it into the ring from the gallery, missing the referee by inches.

Youth Will Be Served

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Then, there's Chalky Wright, who, like Old Man River, still keeps rolling along. Chalky confesses to thirty-five years of existence, but the suspicion is rather general that he's seen at least four more.

And the best heavyweight on the European continent, we're informed, is the thirty-year-old Karel Sys, of Belgium, while at thirty-seven Walter Neusel, the German, is trying to pick up where he left off when the war interrupted his busy ring career. And even Max Schmeling, at forty-one, is talking of taking another flier in the ring.

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THE hardy old campaigners of this turbulent postwar era still have a few lofty marks at which to shoot in their chase after longevity records.

Bob Fitzsimmons, for instance, was thirty-five when he knocked out Jim Corbett for the heavyweight title, forty-one when he wrested the light-heavy laurels from George Gardner, and fifty-two when he fought his last ring battle.

Jack Johnson, "Li'l Arthur" of the golden smile, was forty-six when he wound up his career with a win over Homer Smith.

Jack Britton, one of the cleverest boxers in welterweight history, was forty-five, and campaigning actively, when he finally decided to hang up the mittens and retire to less strenuous pursuits.

Of more recent vintage, there was Tod Morgan, one-time junior lightweight champion, who made a trip to Australia, liked it so well there that he stayed, and continued fighting after his fortieth year.

"Youth will be served" is an ancient adage that's supposed to apply particularly to the rugged leather-pushing profession.

But sometimes even the accepted laws of nature can take a tough pushing-around.

Club Fighters

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the Coast Guard during the past summer, tangled with Pete Mead in two brawls, one of which literally tore down the house. In their first meeting at Fort Hamilton, Mead garnered an extremely close decision after being on the deck. Dissatisfied spectators ripped chairs and other loose objects and showered the ringside in protest. The lads tangled again at Ebbets Field and drew the biggest popular-priced gate of the season at the Dodger ballpark. Only the Elmer Ray-Lee Savold attendance figures, where a higher ringside fee was charged, topped the returns of the second Kronowitz-Mead shindig.

Herbie Kronowitz began boxing as an amateur flyweight and in 1940 won the Golden Gloves 126-pound title. He was beaten but twice in 30 amateur tilts. Kronowitz turned pro in 1941 and won 16 straight before dropping his first decision. Adding weight, the Brooklyn youngster competed as a welterweight, and among his most notable triumphs was a Madison Square Garden decision over Johnny Greco.

Kronowitz enlisted in the Coast Guard during the summer of 1942 and served with Lou Ambers, Marty Servo, and other ring greats under Jack Dempsey at the Manhattan Beach station. Later he shipped overseas.

Kronowitz is 23 years old and a graduate of the Brooklyn Trade School. He is a licensed electrician in New York and will probably enter the electrical contracting business when his fighting days are over.

Belgians Resume Boxing

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complishments were victories over Dave Shade, George Courtney, K.O. Phil Kaplan, Babe McCorgary and Harry Ebbets.

Its athletic activities curtailed during the Nazi occupation, Belgium is beginning now to swing back into its normal stride again.

The outstanding Belgian ringman of the moment is not a youngster. He is Karel Sys, the heavyweight champion, who admits to having passed his thirtieth birthday, and to having been a fistic campaigner, on and off, since 1933. Now that peace finally has been restored to Belgium, Sys hopes to make up for a lot of the time lost through frequent interruptions of his ring career during the war years.

Sys is said to be a shifty big fellow, exceptionally clever for a heavyweight, and a solid puncher with either hand.

Another, and younger, Belgian heavyweight of whom much is expected is Piet Wilde, touted as one of the finest prospects uncovered so far in the post-war era.

In the lighter classes, Belgium is placing its hopes for international prestige in Willy Wimms, a middleweight; Cyrille Delannoit, welterweight; Josef Freys and Kid Dussart, lightweights; and Raoul Degryse, a flyweight.

Grouping of World Boxers

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Raul Zenit, Mexico.
Orlando Fernandez, Cuba; Pee Wee Flores, Puerto Rico; Eli Galendo, Los Angeles, Cal.; Eddie Gibbons, Fall River, Mass.

(Group 4)

Joe Amaya, Corpus Christi, Texas; Maurice Augerm, Troy, N. Y.
Dick Borja, New Orleans, La.; Benny Cousins, California; William Cummings, Indianapolis, Ind.; Flashy Datta, Honolulu; Nick Decker, Miami, Fla.; Mike La Rosa, Los Angeles, Cal.; Roland Delgardo, Cuba; Jose De Medina, Puerto Rico; Willie Donard, Detroit, Mich.; Frank Di Piano, Philadelphia, Pa.; Wendell Douglas, Newark, N. J.; Donald Sparky Duquette, Whitinsville, Mass.; Vic Eisen, Buffalo, N. Y.
Ankie Hoshijo, Hawaii; Bee Jiminez, California; Noble Johnson, Phoenix, Ariz.; Paul Martinez, Cuba; Tsuneshi, Marcio, Honolulu; Mariano Lucas, Honolulu; Jackie Lynn, Newark, N. J.
Baby Mickey, Mexico; Robert Molina, California.
Ralph Rogers, Huntington, W. Va.; Tiger Rosa, Honolulu; Earl Roys, Bristol, Conn.
Jorge Sanchez, Cuba; Larry Spencer, New York; Pee Wee Swingler, California; Tommy Trout, Philadelphia, Pa.
Henry Evaro, California; Frankie Gerrard, Toledo, O.; Billy Gillard, Philadelphia, Pa.; Young Goupil, Bath, Me.

Flyweights
(Not exceeding 112 pounds)
World's Champion
Jackie Paterson, Glasgow, Scotland.

The leading contenders in order of merit, based on year's performances:

1—Rinty Monoghan, Northern Ireland.
2—Bunty Doran, Northern Ireland.
3—Jimmy Gill, Nottingham, Eng.
4—Jackie Bryce, Airdrie, Scotland.
5—Joe Curran, Liverpool, Eng.
*6—Alec Murphy, Port Glasgow, Scotland.
7—Terry Allen, Liverpool, Eng.
8—Mickey Hill, Australia.
9—Billy Davies, Wales.
10—Teddy Gallagher, Richdale, Eng.
11—Charlie Kerr, Perth, Australia.
12—Alf Hughes, Hartlepool, Eng.
13—Raoul Degryse, Belgium.

*Murphy died Dec. 10 following bout with Emile Famechon in Nottingham, England.

The fighters below are grouped according to their ability:

(Group 1)

Young Abrigo, flyweight and bantamweight king of British Guiana; Clyde Daniel, British Guiana. Stumpy Butwell, Brisbane, Australia.
Luis Reyes, Mexico; Tony Rojo, Tampa, Fla. Bernardo Flores, Mexico; Monito Flores, Mexico.

(Group 2)

Lou Bernal, Los Angeles, Cal.

(Group 3)

Ben Charette, Lennoxville, Quebec, Canada; Al Chavez, Honolulu; Ramon Castillo, Cuba.
Babe Zaragoza, Mexico City.

(Group 4)

Teddy Duarte, Lewiston, Me.; Richard De La Cruz, Hawaii.
Alex Peralta, Tampa, Fla.
Billy Hazlegrove, Brighton, Eng.; Alec Murphy, Port Glasgow.

Golden Boys of Boxing

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women he appeared in the ring as a dancing ebony doll who aroused them to gleeful shrieks. Although his heyday came during the depression era he was a golden lure at the turnstiles. Too bad the Harlem hotspots proved so convenient and alluring to the former Havana newsboy.

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JUST a youngster, Graziano, if handled properly, should set all kinds of money marks in the years to come. Already off to a galloping start with more than a million dollars drawn in just 10 main events, the sky should be the limit, unless something happens to dissipate his drawing powers.

Co-manager Irving Cohen discloses that his boxing bonanza does not like to go to the post often. "He's the kind of fighter," explains Mr. Cohen, "who likes long layoffs, he's not the kind of a fellow that you can keep very busy." If this is the case it would do well for Rocky's advisers to study the career of Jimmy McLarnin and the tactics of shrewd old Pop Foster who manipulated the Canadian clouter through a career that retired his fighter a wealthy and healthy gentleman of leisure.

McLarnin, like Graziano, was a tremendous attraction. His appearance assured a packed house. Well aware of this Pop figuring that the other fellow was in for a staggering payday insisted upon and usually received all other advantages for his fighter. "Nothing wrong with this," reasoned Pop, "James is the card. He rates the best of it."

Few boxing men understood the importance of weight advantages as did Foster, old English boxing booth fighter. He steered clear of weight concessions, always had an edge for his man and in the end how that policy paid off!

McLarnin did not fight too often. As the guy who brings 'em in Rocky is entitled to and should get any concessions within reason.

The only rival Graziano has had in recent years among the smaller boxers as a money fighter, has been Beau Jack. The erstwhile Georgia shoe shiner lent a golden polish to the ring game during the war years. In 18 battles in Madison Square Garden the former lightweight kingpin went well over the million dollar mark.

He hit his peak against Johnny Greco when a $143,000 house turned out to see him defeat the Canadian on February 8, 1946.

He set one record that will probably defy Graziano and everybody else for all time when in the period of one month, March, 1944, he drew $112,000 with Bob Montgomery, $133,000 with Al Davis and $86,000 with Juan Zurita. $331,000 in less than a month!

"The Ring's Round of the Year"

BEFORE a gathering of 39,827 persons who paid $324,497 at the Yankee Stadium to watch Tony Zale and Rocky Graziano battle for the world middleweight crown, Tony, in a most spectacular finish, retained his title in what proved the greatest fight of the year. Most of the spectators didn't concede Zale a chance after the terrific beating he received in the fifth round, but he furnished the surprise by knocking out Graziano in the following session. Here is how the challenger met defeat:

When the gong sounded, Zale went out to meet his man and like a shot from a gun, came his right. It crashed against Rocky's chin. The blow came through as Graziano attempted to shoot his right for the head, but missed. Then followed a left to Rocky's cheek close to the temple and Rocky dropped to his knees.

He was bewildered. The lethal wallop numbed the challenger. He couldn't raise himself though he grasped the lower rope and tried to pull himself up.

He was on the canvas in a sitting posture and looked at Referee Ruby Goldstein with dazed eyes. As the official and knockdown timer Johnny Burns counted in unison, Rocky succeeded in gaining a grip on the upper rope and at nine, though he was alert, he still couldn't get up from the canvas. But it seemed he might beat the count as with one great effort he leaped to his feet but not until the referee had counted ten. He was just a fraction of a second too late.

It was all over. The champion, whipped in three of the five previous rounds, the recipient of a terrific shellacking, had come through and accomplished the unexpected!

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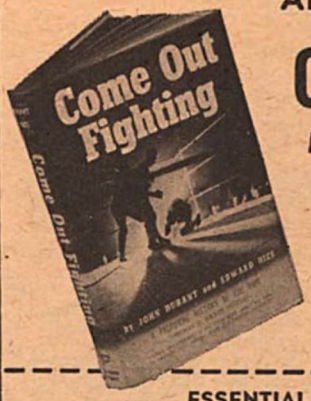

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NEW FACES

By HARVEY BRIGHT

Lee Sala, Jr., middleweight from Donora, Pa.

LEON (YOUNG) GABRIEL

BOXING may have a real "Golden Boy" in the person of Leon (Young) Gabriel, a 24-year-old Sepia Socker who discovered the power in his fists by virtue of a friendship formed while in the Army.

Like Golden Boy, the fictional prize ring character who flashed across the Broadway stage to batter make-believe opponents with devastating effect, Gabriel plays the violin. But don't stop yet. Gabriel also sounds a note on the trumpet, although he has put aside both the violin bow and the horn since taking up boxing seriously.

As a simon pure Gabriel did well, and turning professional last year, he dubbed himself the Atomic Bomb. Under this trade name, he stopped George Frederico and then scored one round kayoes over Jimmy McGrath and Tony Petro. He also knocked out an opponent who billed himself as Jack the Ripper.

Then Gabriel was discharged from the Army after having served with an amphibian unit in the European Theatre. In his first time out he put the ice on Young Kid Chocolate in two sessions.

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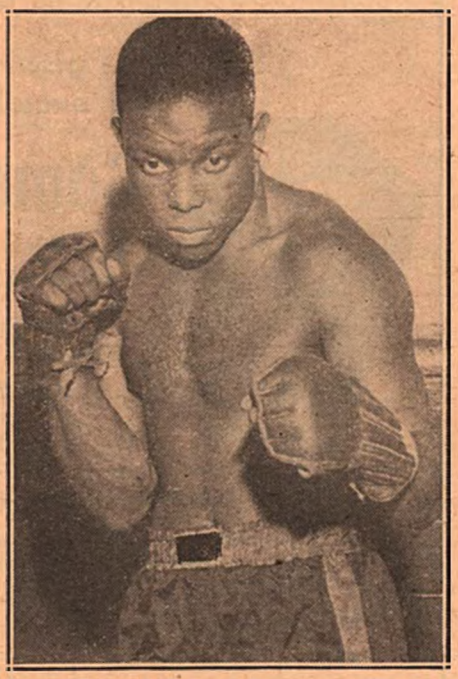
DINO BLETA

DINO BLETA, a good looking youngster in the featherweight division, packs a smart wallop and moves around the ring with the gusto of a flyweight. A rough and tough scrapper, Bleta is a pleasing performer who can box.

Born in Canton, Ohio, one of five children, Bleta left high school in his senior year to enlist in the Army. During his curtailed high school career, Dino was an all around athlete who was a member of the baseball, track, basketball, wrestling and boxing teams. It was in high school that Bleta first began to study the lore of the squared circle, and it wasn't long before he was trading leather in Canton and the neighboring cities.

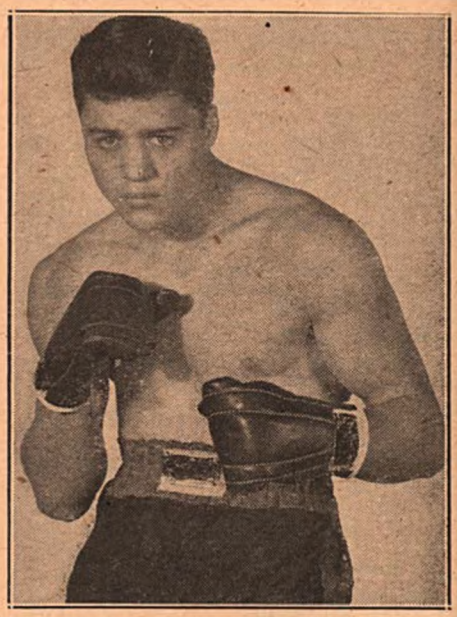
In 1942 Dino won the Cleveland Golden Gloves 118 pound novice championship. This victory started him on his boxing career in earnest. He won his second Golden Gloves tourney in Florida in 1944.



Leon (Young) Gabriel, Negro welterweight.

Recently, Bleta, a five to one underdog at ring time, pulled an upset by putting lights out for Joey Iannotti in the first.

Johnny Miller, Washington featherweight, picked as a comer by Freddie Mills, the British Empire light-heavyweight champion.



Dino Bleta, promising young featherweight.

JOHNNY MILLER

HOMER AMUNDSEN, owner of the gymnasium by the same name in Tacoma, Washington, is guiding the professional ring career of Johnny Miller who hails from Stockton, California. Johnny is a 22-year-old featherweight who prior to entering the armed forces held an impressive simon pure record.

While in the China-Burma-India Theatre of War, Johnny won the featherweight and lightweight titles. In 1945 Henry Armstrong, triple champion of a few years back, was on a U.S.O. tour of the Army camps overseas. He met Miller in the ring, whereupon Henry rated Miller the best prospect in the C.B.I. Theatre.

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LEE SALA, JR.

LEE SALA, JR., promising twenty-two-year-old middleweight from Donora, Pa., picked by THE RING last month as a middleweight prospect, has notched a string of 39 straight wins with no losses to mar his record both as a pro and an amateur. As a professional he has scored eleven kayoes. His victims were Sonny Hope, Ray Jackson, Jack Patton (twice), Steve Sloveski, Johnny Dupree, Gordon Ball, Ralph Marino, Babe Saunders, Joey Rhoden and Irish Frankie O'Hare.

Lee comes from a fighting family. He follows three other Salas to the pugilistic embroglios. It was from Bruno, the oldest of the fighting Salas, that Lee received the tidbits of ring savvy that is serving him well in his try for top billing in his division.

Sala spent two years in Uncle Sam's Navy, during which he served on the largest battle wagon then in existence, the U.S.S. *Iowa*, stationed off the Japanese home Islands. While assigned to the *Iowa*, Lee garnered the All Japanese middleweight title in the Tokyo Olympics.

VANCOUVER NEWS
By CHESTER NORTON

IN the fistic offering of Gene Mason, Vancouver's pride and joy, Freddie Steele, crossed gloves with Joey Dolan, of Spokane, in the feather-weight division and although Dolan outboxed the slugging southpaw, he only managed to receive a draw for his efforts. The fight was close.

Bobby Roberts traveled quite a way from his home town of Atlanta, Ga., to become a T.K.O. victim of Ron Whalley, in the six-round semi-final.

Another draw decision was handed down when Buddy Hoffman, of Seattle, and local fisticuffer, Gordy McCrindle, slugged away for six rounds.

Stan Almond, the latest amateur to join the professional ranks in these parts, scored a T.K.O. over Bremerton's very popular Jackie Arden, the time being 2:20 of the fourth round. Tommy Campbell wrestled his way to another T.K.O. win over Johnny O'Day, of Portland, in an unsatisfactory opening bout.

Arnold Bertram, manager of Kenny Lindsay, and Harry Smith ventured south to Hollywood in a particularly unsuccessful trip. Both boys were stopped in two rounds apiece. Kenny was stuck with Speedy Cabanella and picked himself from the deck twice in the first round, only to be finished with a left hook in one minute and 49 seconds of the second stanza. Southpaw Harry Smith also caught a Tartar and managed to get himself flattened in the second round of a six-rounder. His opponent was Dave Picazo, who had a six-pound advantage.

Another interesting card was presented at the Vancouver Exhibition Gardens as Jimmy Brooks belted Oakland's Fran Porter out of the picture in the second round. One knee was still touching as the final decimal was tolled.

It was the semi-windup which produced the most thrills as popular Ron Whalley found his match in Billy Townsend, who blasted him into defeat in three rounds. Billy showing tremendous hitting power, is, incidentally a cousin to the more famed Billy Townsend of the '30's. Hailing from Seattle, Townsend now plans to take up residence in Vancouver.

Johnny Roberts, currently fighting out of Vancouver, was stopped by Warren Holland at the end of the third round due to a cut on Roberts' eye.

The fans obtained some real amusement in the special four-rounder. Rocky Sullivan, who is a real clown, gave Ralph Clark quite a bit of trouble before succumbing to Clark's punches in the fourth round. The referee stopped the contest.

Local boy Bunty Andrews had little difficulty in scoring a T.K.O. over Larry Thompson of Bremerton, at 1:20 of the third round, while the opener was won by Wilf Dejardins in the only decision of the evening. Mickey McLenaghan was the victim in this case.

Vancouver boxers don't seem to fare very well south of the border. Phil Palmer lost a very close decision to Johnny Suarez in a main event at Portland. On the same card, Joey Clemo, of Portland, won another close decision from Tony Roberts in a bantamweight tussle in six rounds, and Tommy Campbell and Gordy McCrindle drew in four-round bouts with Emmett Murphy and Tommy Calhoun respectively.

Once again local boxers found their nemesis in Portland. Kenny Lindsay lost a ten-round decision to George Freitas of San Jose, and Joey Clemo belted out Benny Benoit in the first round. Johnny Roberts was also flattened by Dick Wagner.

CANADIAN TOPICS
By LAWSON BAMPTON

GUS (PELL) MELL at 140, returned to action in sensational fashion after a layoff of four months. Griffintown Gus looked more impressive than in any of his previous local performances when he kayoed rangy Pat Scanlon in nine rounds at the Montreal Forum (Nov. 15) then followed up with a brilliant exhibition of boxing and ringcraft to outscore Patsy Brandino in the same ring in ten rounds (Dec. 5th).

Scanlon was floored at least half a dozen times during the battle and was a helpless, reeling fighter when the referee mercifully intervened.

Brandino forced much of the fighting against Mell, who was content to move around shiftily, spearing him with a snake-like tattooing left jab, occasionally firing vicious left hooks and steaming right hand shots. Brandino opened up with both hands recklessly in the ninth and had the tiring Mell in trouble, the bell coming as a welcome relief to Gussie. The tenth was a savagely fought stanza.

Two other ten-rounders were also on the Mell-Scanlon card, marking Foreman's all-star anniversary offering. Jimmy Molloy, clever and rugged British welter, kept plugging away to batter out a win over Lou Miller. In the other ten-rounder, Clint Miller, Elizabeth, N. J., Negro feather, scored smartly over Hubert Gagnier, promising local youngster. Miller outboxed Gagnier most of the way but was having trouble holding him off in the late rounds. Gagnier was staging a great rally in the final round, backing Miller to the ropes when Miller suddenly cut loose with an overhand right that put Gagnier down only to be saved by the bell at the count of three.

The Mell-Brandino match was co-featured with a scheduled ten-rounder between dynamic Harry Hurst and Juan Carrera, a great little club fighter whose gallant stand against Hurst's terrific blasts won the admiration of the fans. Hurst lost little time connecting with a terrific wallop under the heart that floored Carrera. He got up but was shortly down again to be saved by the bell. Carrera tore into Hurst in the third and fourth rounds with such fury that he had Hurst off stride. However, Hurst connected again in the fifth and Carrera was wobbly when the referee wisely halted it.

In the preliminaries, Arnold Hayes, local Negro heavy, was taking the worst of it from Willie Hayes of New York when he cut loose with a kayo wallop in the fifth. George Gervin, promising local welter, had too many guns for Don McKinnon and stopped the game sailor in the sixth. In the opener, Fernand Cervan, promising local lightie, outsmarted Bernie Sundborg in an all-local four-rounder.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY
By SELSSO TIBORRO

AT MEXICO CITY, in El Coliseo Arena: Villita de Juarez, 130, drew with Filio Prado, 132, in ten rounds. The decision, however, was not popular. The fans thought Villita was the winner. Lalo Gallardo, 128, kayoed Porfirio Nava, 125, in the eighth of a ten-rounder.

Jorge Robles, 117, decisioned Baby Mickey, 116, in ten. Ernesto Gallardo, 124, decisioned Tony Guadalajara, 126, in ten.

Kid Azteca, 148, Mexico's welter king, kayoed Cosby Linson, 147, an American boy, in the fourth round of the star bout. Pedro Ramirez, 126, T.K.O.'ed Manuel Rivera, 126, in the eighth of a ten-round bout.

Benjamin Prado, 139, decisioned Luis Torres, 146, in ten. Lalo Gallardo, 128, decisioned Jose Eduardo, 125, in ten.

Tommy Lopez, generally known as "El Conscripto," 135, decisioned Raul Bustamante, 136, in ten. Zarcillo Sanchez, 136, decisioned Enrique Rodea, 139, in ten.

Kid Filipino, 138, T.K.O.'ed Saul Torres, 133, in the seventh canto of the star bout. Pedro Biesca, 133, decisioned Aurelio Cruz, 136, in ten rounds.

Chilindrina Valencia, 122, decisioned Ernesto Gallardo, 124, in ten. Tony Becerra, 125, T.K.O.'ed Babe Barron, 123, in the ninth of the semi-final.

Monito Flores, 112, decisioned Jorge Robles, 117, in ten. Jose Gonzalez, 114, decisioned Manuel Camarillo, 117, in ten.

SHADOW BOXING IN WYOMING, W. NEBRASKA AND COLORADO
By RICK GANSON

BOB NORA, Cheyenne heavyweight with his looping right hand, knocked out Lin Brown of Cincinnati in 2:05 of the second round. The huge Negro is a drawing card here and easily the leading fighter in these parts.

Willie Garcia won over Joe Gonzales in the six-round semi. Eddie Maes turned in an outstanding performance in halting Rubin Gonzales in the second. Tom Garcia beat Bobby Apodaca in four and Herbert Howard drew with Rudy Martinez.

The VFW of Sidney presented an all-star wrestling show at the city auditorium which featured girl wrestlers. A capacity crowd was on hand to enjoy the festivities.

Winners of the Torrington AAU meet included: Jim Matley, Alliance, Nebr., heavyweight; Ed Wagner, Lingle, Wyo., light-heavyweight; Alvin Matthews, Torrington, middleweight; Jack Baker, Guernsey, welterweight; Harry Mangus, Guernsey, lightweight, Tony Abita, Scottsbluff, Nebr., featherweight, and Cliff McCart, Mitchell, Neb., bantamweight.

Bob Nora, Cheyenne heavy, journeyed to Omaha to thrill the fans by knocking out Fred Ford of Des Moines in the third round after a toe-to-toe battle.

Fighters traveling to the Coast should contact the writer at 514 East 21st St., Cheyenne, Wyo.

An Omnipotent Referee

AMONG the great Negro fighters of the past, Sam Langford's name stands out as one of the most terrific punchers and crafty ring generals who ever stepped between the ropes. Although Langford never won a title, it was believed by many that he was the equal of Jack Johnson when that formidable battler was king of the heavyweights. They met once, Johnson gaining a close 15-round decision, but though Langford continually hounded the champion for a return match, Johnson would never meet him again. In Australia and England, as well as America, Langford was regarded as a veritable ring-terror. He had a keen sense of humor and sportsmen at home and abroad were never tired of repeating the Negro slugger's nifty wisecracks.

Langford made his first trip to England in 1907, where he had agreed to box "Tiger" Smith, before the National Sporting Club of London. The officials of that celebrated organization were accustomed to having visiting battlers argue at length regarding the selection of a referee, and anticipated similar trouble when Langford appeared to sign articles. Much to their surprise Sam didn't seem interested when the question arose, simply remarking that he had brought along his own referee. The Britons were horrified at the mere suggestion of such an innovation.

"My word, Mr. Langford, we couldn't allow that, you know," said an executive severely. "Your own referee, why it's preposterous!"

Sam flashed an ivory-toothed grin. He raised his brawny right fist and shook it.

"Heah's mah referee, gents," chortled the Boston Tar Baby. "Ah nevah has to worry 'bout this yeah selection stuff!" The Englishmen "saw a great light" and the conference ended. On the night of the battle they also saw "Tiger" Smith rocked to sleep in the fourth round!

The Champion of Champs

"YOURS TRULY, John L. Sullivan." Those words, written at the end of a letter sent to the writer many years ago, truly characterize the "champion of champions"—simple, direct, sincere.

There are those who say that several champions who have won the crown since the Boston Strong Boy was at the helm, were better, but don't spring that on a "Sullivanite."

In recent years, the fistic sport has seen the rise of two fighters who have aroused international interest and have helped to get the sport in the public eye as did John L. Sullivan, but to the Boston Strong Boy, goes the credit for having popularized boxing; Jack Dempsey will always be "The Idol of Fistiana" and Joe Louis will always be honored for the part he has played in the uplift of the sport, but according to New Englanders, there was only one "John L," rough, gruff, kindly, taciturn, smiling, roaring, soothing. There was none in his day to match him.

People came to love John L. because he wore his ermine as befitted a king. He was a showman, but a poor business man.

He knew how to make folks love him, but not how to make the dollars stick to him.

BROADCAST FROM NEW YORK

By "THE RING" STAFF

THE four-star smash hit registered by Marcel Cerdan in his American debut is quite likely to lead to an influx of French ringmen in the months to come.

Jo Longman, the Paris promoter, who accompanied Cerdan and his manager, Lucien Rouppe, here for Marcel's battle with Georgie Abrams, is quite enthused with the outlook facing several young French leather-pushers who have been developing over yonder.

"We have some very good boys who would do well in America," commented Jo before he, Cerdan and Rouppe sailed back to France. "Like Marcel, they are boys who know how to give action. They are not as good as Marcel, of course, but Marcel is an experienced veteran, and these boys are young and learning, getting better all the time."

His best prospects?

"For one, there is Robert Villemain, a welterweight. He is undefeated in twenty bouts so far, and has beaten some very good fighters in France and Belgium."

Jean Walzack, another welter, and Georges Mousse, a bantam, have done well for themselves in competition with outstanding Britishers. Walzack handed London fans quite a shock when he whipped the veteran British Empire welter champion, Ernie Roderick. And Mousse, also in London, punched out a decision over the formidable Cliff Anderson, who, at the time, was No. 5 in THE RING's bantam ratings.

Another good 'un, according to Longman, is Laurent Dauthuille, a middleweight.

"We have other good boys coming along," Jo assured us, "and you will be hearing plenty about them very soon."

Cerdan's showing against Abrams assumes all the more remarkable proportions when it is considered that Marcel, after a particularly rough ocean voyage coming over, had less than three weeks in which to acclimate himself here, and had suffered an eye injury early in his training, which necessarily curtailed his gymnasium boxing. All one can say to that is: If Cerdan is any better fighter than he was against Abrams, the outlook isn't too cheerful for the next topline middleweight who tangles with him.

Cerdan's plans at the moment are uncertain. He has returned to France, where he has several commitments to take care of, among them a European title match with Vince Hawkins, the new British champ. But Marcel will be back, probably in the spring or early summer. His natural objective, of course, will be a meeting with the Zale-Graziano winner, and it doesn't require a particularly elastic imagination to envision what a terrific attraction that would be at one of the ball parks. The international touch always adds to any box-office draw, and when that touch is supplied by a spectacular performer of Cerdan's calibre, the possibilities are unlimited.

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One runs across some interesting items assisting Nat Fleischer in compiling his annual Boxing Record Book.

Particularly is one impressed by the carelessness or laxity of some boxing commissions in checking qualifications of pugs operating in their territories.

It behooves these fistic boards to give the 1947 Record Book a thorough going-over when it is released shortly. They may learn something—and, perhaps, begin to understand the many fatalities recorded in the ring during the last year.

The trade is cluttered up with ill-equipped and often ill-trained kids who seem intent upon making careers for themselves as human punching bags. It's part of a boxing commission's job to halt this sort of thing, not only in justice to the fans who pay to see contests, but as protection to the shock absorbers themselves.

If, for instance, the Pennsylvania fistic fathers had been on the job last March, a young heavyweight named Nat Hines probably would be alive today. He certainly would not have been permitted to step into a Philadelphia ring, get himself belted into insensibility by Billy Eck, and die a few days later from the effects of that battering.

Hines' license should have been revoked months before, when he had clearly proved himself not only incompetent as a ringman, but a definite menace to his own health. In two years of operations, Hines was beaten in twenty-two of twenty-three starts—and ten of those defeats were by knockouts!

In Fleischer's book are scores of records of Futile Filberts, walloped and flattened with monotonous consistency, who either haven't sense enough to quit the ring, or don't seem to care what happens to them so long as they can pick up an occasional dollar. On such do ring tragedies feed!

Among the more entertaining items revealed in the Record Book is the "feud" waged by the Polowitzer brothers against a Hartford rival, Joe Monteiro. During 1946, three of the freres Polowitzer took turns at pasting Monteiro, Bobby and Henry knocking him out and Joe winning a decision. A fourth brother, Fred, hadn't caught up with Monteiro as this is being written.

Then, there was the series of one-night stands engineered by a couple of New York featherweights, Gabriel Rios and Jose DeMedina, who, within a period of five weeks, battled each other in Hartford, Waterbury, Long Beach, Wilkes-Barre and Holyoke. What, no East Lynne?

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John Thomas, the transplanted Floridian, may not be going anywhere in particular in the leather-pushing profession, but he certainly seems intent on making it tough for anybody else to. A lot of heavyweights probably wish John would pack his duds, blow back to his native Fort Lauderdale—and stay there.

It was Thomas who spoiled the American debut of Luis Angel Firpo's highly touted Argentine protege, Abel Cestac, in the Garden, and he also messed up Jack Kearns' ambitious New York plans for Joey Maxim by whipping the Clevelander at the St. Nick Arena.

John's most recent bit of cussedness was in repeating a previous win over popular Johnny Colan at the St. Nick. Manager Paul Damski had explained away Colan's first setback with: "Johnny's just out of the service, and he's rusty. Wait until he gets a few more bouts under his belt." Well, Irish Johnny packed in those few more bouts, but they didn't help him materially in the return match. The Spoiler did it again!

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Gus Lesnevich, prepping for the defense of his light-heavy title against Billy Fox in the Garden on February 26, recently welcomed the arrival of his second son, who scaled in at 7 pounds, 11 ounces. . . . It was something of a coincidence that the latest

addition to the Lesnevich household should have made his appearance just one year after the death of Lew Diamond, the Honest Brakeman, whose clever manipulations of the managerial reins played so important a role in Gus' ascension to the 175-pound throne. . . . Despite his disastrous meeting with Lenny (Boom Boom) Mancini at the Broadway, which resulted in a defeat, a fractured nose and a three-months' layoff, Cyril Gallie, colorful Welsh welter, likes it in these parts, and intends staying a while. Cyril has brought over his charming wife and three-year-old Junior, and is setting up housekeeping here.

Lou Schiro tossed a party for the New York boxing scribes at the Club 66, to announce he had become the new manager of Tami Mauriello. A few days later, Schiro, along with Mauriello and Trainer Al Silvani, hopped to Boston to grace the official opening of former NBA feather champ, Sal Bartolo's new grill. . . . A recent and welcomed visitor to THE RING offices was Tom Heeney, ye old Hard Rock from Down Under. The years have set well with genial Tom, who's now running a popular tavern out in Southampton, L. I. . . . Sam Becker, Cincinnati promoter, reports that Jake LaMotta's board of strategy turned down an offer of $20,000 for the Bronx Express to meet Pittsburgh's Charley Burley.

On a recent combination business and pleasure jaunt to New York was Joe Lynch, not the one-time bantam champ, but the ubiquitous Californian who has promoted boxing in Honolulu, Los Angeles, Hollywood and Denver, and in recent years has been devoting his efforts chiefly to rodeos (Cavalcade of Western Stars) on the Pacific Coast. Lynch arrived in time to catch the Cerdan-Abrams tussle. . . . Among difficult things to understand: Fritzie Zivic's refusal to stay retired. Well heeled financially, and only a vague memory of his one-time efficient fighting self, Zivic persists in trying to ply his old trade, filling dates on the gaslight circuit with opponents who wouldn't have qualified as bag-carriers for him in his prime. Why, oh, why, Fritzie?

The problem of locating an opponent for Joe Louis in the Bomber's next defense of the heavyweight title continued to remain a problem after the ten-round meeting of Elmer Ray and Jersey Joe Walcott in the Garden. The bout was advertised as an elimination match. That's precisely what it proved to be. Both rivals were eliminated. Certainly, neither Ray nor Walcott displayed anything to cause any sleepless nights for Louis. Elmer and Jersey Joe fought earnestly enough, but the qualifications expected in a potential opponent of Shufflin' Joe were most conspicuous by their utter absence in both the well-publicized Floridian and the Camden veteran. Neither was in distress at any time, but both tired perceptibly as the bout progressed—more from their own efforts than from any punishment absorbed—and on several occasions in the closing rounds they appeared so exhausted from their futile mauling that one solid punch probably would have wound up matters.

Ray was awarded the decision, but his margin was as close as the weights of the rivals. (Elmer scaled in at 191¼ to Walcott's 191½). In the tabulations of the three officials, the rounds were equally divided, but a draw verdict was averted by a one-point edge given to Ray on the scoring slips.

Sanders Cox, 187, of Dallas, Texas, carried too many guns for Jimmy Evans, 176, of Brooklyn, and flattened him in 1:38 of the second round of the semi-final, listed for eight heats. In a six-rounder, Larry Lane, 190½, veteran Trentonian, proved a bit too experienced for Eddie Franklin, 189, of Philadelphia, but Franklin shaped up against his wily opponent as a youngster who'll bear a lot of serious watching in the future. Mike Konnors, promising West Side 140-pounder, was too fast and clever for Earl Huff, 135, Camden stablemate of Walcott, in another sixer, while in four-rounders Tony Ferry, 207½, of Fall River, Mass., defeated Sid Cohen, 217, of the East Side, and Jimmy Lake, 181, of Montreal, whipped Ted Walters, 200¼, of the West Side.

Rocky Rossano, 143, of Brooklyn's Red Hook, outslugged Jimmy McDonough, 146½, Brownsville, in an eight-round top spot at the Ridgewood Grove. Rossano was aided and abetted by a nasty cut over McDonough's left eye which bothered Jimmy considerably. In another eight, Tommy Houston, 148, Glendale, stopped Frankie Cardinal, 147, West Side, in the fifth, while in sixes Maxie Docusen, 127, New Orleans, outpunched Billy Pinti, 129½, Rome, N. Y., and Tommy Del Gatto, 158, Brooklyn, won over Lew Perez, 153, Puerto Rico. In a pair of fours, Ross Anzalone, 139, Harlem, stopped Bill McDonald, 144, Vancouver, in the first, and Johnny Blasco, 139, East Side, outpointed Johnny Marino, 131, East New York.

In battle in which both rivals were short on science but long on action, Bee Bee Washington, 160, Washington, and Joe Curcio, 160, Newark southpaw, fought to a furious ten-round draw at the St. Nick Arena. It was Washington's first appearance in a New York ring, and Double Bee made a favorable impression on the clients. In the eight-round semi-final, Frank Hardeman, 140¼, Atlanta, outpointed Howie Brodt, 147,

Vic Patrick, Australia's star lightweight, rated by American GI's as one of the best.

Utica, N. Y., while in a sixer, Tony Bertucci, 155, Brooklyn, whipped Danny Ruggiero, 149½, Yonkers. In two fours, Patrick Young, 139½, Greenwich Village, defeated Billy Griffin, 140, Bronx, and Ray Schaf, 156, East Side, stopped Jimmy Cartelli, 152, Brooklyn, in the first.

Morris Reif, 147, Brooklyn, packed too much power for Ralph Walton, 145½, Montreal, and flattened the Canadian in 2:43 of the third round of a scheduled eight-rounder at the Broadway Arena. A right to the body and a left hook to the chin proved the payoff combination. In another eight, Davey Cohen, 143, Bronx, outpointed Pete Geno, 146½, Greenwich Village. Knockouts wound up the prelims. In a six-rounder, Karlo Smith, 161½, New York, stopped Jay Paganelli, 153¾, Belleville, N. J., in the second, while the fours all had third-rouhd endings. Ray Solomon, 141, Washington, halting Bill McDonald, 145, Vancouver; Steve King, 189, South Brooklyn, flattening Ted Jabow, 192½, Ozone Park, and Thompson Harmon, 136, Harlem, stopping Jimmy Lenti, Brooklyn.

A split decision over Al Pennino, 131, Brooklyn, in an eight-rounder at the Park Arena, enabled Willie Beltram, 135½, Bronx, to run off his 11th straight victory since his discharge from the Army. In the semi-final, also over the eight-round route, Earl Trader, 129, Wilmington, Del., whipped Jesus Compos, 128, Puerto Rico. Aurillo Vasquez, 140, Mexico City, outpointed Joe La Scale, 145¼, East Side, in a sixer. In fours, Johnny Moran, 129, Bronx, beat George La Falgio, 128¼, Bronx; Jimmy Savarese, 211½, Bronx, knocked out Leon Montague, 193½, Brooklyn, in the second, and Roy Taylor, 169½, Bronx, stopped Rudy Franklin, 166, Philadelphia, in the opening stanza.

Julie Bort, 137¾, Brooklyn, packed too much stuff for Donald Murray, 134, New Rochelle, in a top six at the Jamaica Arena, while Tony La Bua, 133, Ozone Park, outpointed Tony Ferrera, 130, Brooklyn, in the semi-final. In other sixes, Andy Peppe, 172, Greenwich Village, beat Billy Pappas, 176, Brooklyn, and Charley Finley, 148, Harlem, turned back Russ Wilhite, 142¾, Memphis, Tenn. In fours, Danny Randy, 133, East Side, whipped Al Headley, 130, Bronx, and Mike Bitet, 123½, Ozone Park, stopped Wendel Douglas, 118, Bronx, in the third.

Chris Dundee's up-and-coming East Side youngster, Leo Milito, 126, chalked up his 24th consecutive victory by pounding out a clean-cut eight-round decision over Johnny LaRusso, 131, Bronx, at the Forum Arena. Milito dropped LaRusso for a nine-count in the second..

A lot of things happened in a hurry in the semi-final. Hardly had the opening gong clanged when Joey Brocato, 132, East Side, was on the canvas, taking a count. But he was up at nine, and proceeded to batter Lou Daniels, 134½, Bronx, into quick submission. The whole shindig lasted only 2:16 of round one. In scheduled fours, Mel Griffin, 156½, Bronx, needed only 34 seconds to finish Jim Hardaway, 160, Bronx; Charley Frick, 152, Bronx, apparently on the way out himself, unleashed a wild right that flattened Charley Zack, 152, West Side, with only four seconds of the bout remaining, and Nick Mistovich, 139, Youngstown, outpointed Jimmy Schiaffo, 134½, Bronx.

A 20-pound pull in the weights stood John Thomas, 193, in good stead in his return match with Johnny Colan, 173¼, and the Fort Lauderdale slugger repeated his previous win over the West Side Irishman at the St. Nick Arena. It was a gruelling battle all the way, with both contestants absorbing severe punishment. Thomas registered the only knockdown of the ten-round slugfest, dropping Colan for a count of two in the ninth.

Billy (Killer) Kilroy was very much there in the semi-final, the Rutherford, N. J., middleweight giving the veteran Johnny Harvey of Port Chester, quite a going-over in eight rounds. Kilroy scaled in at 156 to Harvey's 159.

Promising Lou Castillo, 127¾, Bronx, ran into an unexpected defeat in a six-rounder when a cut over his left eye forced him to retire in the third session and Johnny Johnson, 124½, Garfield, was credited with a knockout.

In fours, Sal Ferello, 119, Harlem, floored Percy Salett, 121¼, Brooklyn, three times in the second round before the uneven affair was halted; Castro Calderon, 122¼, Puerto Rico, was awarded a well-deserved though unpopular verdict over Charley Watson, 124, of the Canal Zone, and Jimmy Mangia, 156, East Side, whipped Danny Ruggiero, 148, Bronx.

With little to offer but experience, the veteran Cleo Shans proved a soft touch for Ruby Kessler before a complete sellout gathering at the Ridgewood Grove. Kessler toted entirely too much stuff for Shans, and the fast-coming Brooklyn welter required less than three rounds to batter his ringworn opponent into submission. The referee stepped in to halt the massacre with Shans helpless on the ropes.

The gate of $7,139 fell only a few bucks short of the club's all-time high, set by Billy Petrolle and Sammy Fuller back in 1933.

Danny Carabello, Brooklyn bantam, won over Ivan Fredericks, New York, in one of the sixes, while in the other Joey Carkido, Youngstown lightweight, added another win to his steadily-increasing list by whipping Bob Williams, Tampa, Fla.

In scheduled fours, Dan Randy, Jersey City lightweight, kayoed Ed Williams, New York, in the opening frame, and Billy Smith, Medford, Mass., lightweight, trimmed Frankie Dell, Brooklyn.

One of the liveliest lightweight clashes of the season resulted in a ten-round win for Roman Alvarez, East Side, over Julio (Fancy Pants) Jiminez, Mexico City, at the St. Nick. It was the Mexican's first defeat in a dozen starts in New York rings, and by far the best performance turned in by Alvarez since his discharge from the service. Both rivals scaled in at 139¾.

Charley Early, 148½, San Francisco, finished ahead of Dewitt Dean, 152¾, Detroit, in one of the six-rounders, while Andrew Peppe, 172½, Greenwich Village, fought a draw with Elton Evans, 167½, Philadelphia, in another. In fours, Al Headley, 130¾, Bronx, whipped Johnny Blasco, 132, East Side, and Eric Myric, Washington, D. C., outpointed Ross Anzalone, 139, Bronx.

Harold Green, 153½, Brownsville, had little difficulty with Joe Bennett, 153, Bronx, at the Broadway Arena, and breezed through to an easy win in an eight-round top spot. Green outclassed his willing opponent all the way. In the fourth round, Harold sent Bennett through the ropes for a count of nine, and when the scrap ended the Bronxite was bleeding profusely from cuts over his nose and left eye.

In the semi-final eight, Tony DeRosa, 147½, Astoria, gained a split verdict over Pete Muscarnera, 146, Brooklyn, while in a sixer, Hy Brownstadt, 160½, Bronx, stopped Karo Smith, 161, Harlem, in 1:21 of the second. In three scheduled fours, Sammy Grounds, 175, Forest Hills, registered a technical kayo over Jimmy Thelan, 178, Long Island, in the second; Charles Zack, 153½, West Side, outpointed Jimmy Jackson, 158½, New York, and Marvin Dick, 122¾, Brownsville, drew with Jimmy Hegeman, 127¾, Red Hook.

Lou Cassiano, 130, Bronx, copped a unanimous decision over Joe Aponte Torres, 129, Puerto Rico, in an eight-rounder at the Park Arena. In a semi-final eight, Frankie Palermo, 139, Bronx, defeated Al Victoria, 138½, Harlem. Eska Mosley, 142, Bronx, outpointed Charles Finley, 142, Harlem, in six, and Bill McDonald, 148, Vancouver, whipped Eddie Brown, 148, Harlem, in a four. In other fours, Art McKinsey, 145, Bronx, trimmed Earl Crenshaw, 142, Bronx, and Edco Greenwood, 162, Washington Heights, knocked out Jackie Raione, 160½, Bronx, in the second.

Lulu Costantino's winning skein, which had reached eight straight, was snapped at the St. Nick when the East Side veteran, at 133¼, was

beaten in ten rounds by rough and ready Eddie Giosa, 136¾, Philadelphia. Giosa's persistent aggressiveness and effective left hook piled up a big early lead which Costantino's closing rally fell short of wiping out.

Clarence Wilkinson, 166, hard-hitting Bronxite, carried too much power for Freddie Lott, 160¾, Newark, in the semi-final, and stopped his rival in the second.

In a pair of sixes, Joe Mason, 177¼, Pittsburgh, outpointed Tony Ferry, 200½, Fall River, and Frankie Gromada, 137¾, East Side, whipped Eska Mosley, 142¾, Bronx.

Irish Billy Smith, 138¾, Medford, Mass., trimmed Thompson Harmon, 136, Harlem, and Ray Solomon, 141, Washington, battled to a draw with Paddy Young, 141, Greenwich Village, in four-rounders.

Harry Berntsen, Norwegian heavy, was credited with a kayo over Cliff Koerkle, Bayonne, when a nasty gash over Koerkle's left eye prompted Referee Jack Watson to halt the shindig in the sixth round at the Ridgewood Grove. In the semi-windup, Tommy Garland, Hollywood heavy, celebrated his Eastern debut by stopping Bob Miller, New York, in the third frame. Tito Valles, Rocky Graziano's featherweigh protege, battled to a draw with Kenny Haines, Canada, in six, while in fours Sammy Grounds, Forest Hills light-heavy, beat Ernie Horne, Grand Rapids; Danny Randi, Jersey City lightweight, defeated Kenny Hilton, Brooklyn, and Jimmy Hardaway, Harlem middleweight, flattened Murray Anka, Canada, in the second.

Gerardo (Kid) Gavilan, Cuban welter, had too many advantages—height, reach, speed and boxing skill—for rugged Johnny Williams, transplanted Alabaman, in a ten-rounder at the St. Nick. But the visitor had to hustle all the way in a scrap that was fast and bitterly fought from start to finish. Gavilan weighed 144 to Williams' 143½.

Harold Paul Dettman, 175, Providence, had the better of Langston Dennis, 178, Harlem, and James Carter, 131, East Side, had the better of Eddie Smith, 132½, Harlem, in a pair of eights.

In fours, George LaFalgio, 129½, outpointed his Bronx rival, Al Headley, 131; Art McKinzie, 146½, Bronx, defeated Billy McDonald, 147, Vancouver, and Tony Maciarelli, 154, Bronx, kayoed Frank Ferretti, 155½, Brooklyn, in the first.

One of the minor upsets of the season was registered at the Park Arena when Cleo Everett, Bronx heavy, just back from his exhibition with Joe Louis in Honolulu, was flattened in the third round by Willis (Red) Applegate, Montclair, N. J., a last-minute substitute for Jimmy (Shamus) O'Brien. A left hook to the jaw finished Everett who, at 206½, outweighed Applegate by 18½ pounds.

Tom McKeagney, 168½, Boston, outpointed Bob Isler, 168¾, Harlem, in the eight-round semi-final, while Paul Midiri, 132, Corona, beat Jimmy Haines, 130, Paterson, in six.

Lew Perez, 155¾, Puerto Rico, drew with Johnny Harvey, 160, Port Chester, in another six, while Jim Cannon, 153, Bronx, and Sam Crawford, 158, Augusta, Ga., battled to a draw in the four-round curtain-raiser.

A packed house of 4200 at the Broadway Arena greeted Herbie Kronowitz's return to the ring after a three months' absence, and the popular Coney Island middleweight, scaling 161¾, celebrated the occasion by knocking out Russ Baxter, 163¾, Newcastle, Pa., in the fourth round.

In sixes, Paddy DeMarco, 138, Brooklyn, outpointed Davey Cohen, 139¾, Bronx, and Bobby Richards, 126, Portland, Ore., whipped Manuel Zurita, 126¾, Mexico City. Billy Ganges, 149½, had the better of Charley Finely, 146½, Harlem, and Joe Gamby, 123½, whipped Percy Odlett, 123, Harlem, in four-rounders, while another four wound up in the opening canto when Charley Titone, 123, iced his Brooklyn rival, Bobby Jones, 118¼.

Despite the agony of a fractured left rib, suffered in the second round, popular Jimmy Carollo, Corona heavy, ran his winning streak to ten straight by pounding out an eight-round decision over Sandy McPherson, veteran Oklahoman, at the Jamaica Arena. Carollo scaled an even 200 to McPherson's 219.

Another winning skein was stretched in the six-round semi-final, when Tony LaBua, 133, Ozone Park, whipped Jerry Darby, 131, Jamaica, to register his 16th triumph in succession. In another six, Guillermo Rizzo, 138, Mexico City, outpointed Charley Donovan, 136, East Side.

Joe O'Brien, 158, Bronx, stopped Jim Headway, 163, Harlem, in the last round of a four, while two other fours resulted in a win for Gregg Gomez, 134, Jamaica, over John Fitopelli, 135, East Side, and a draw for Marvin Dick, 127, Brooklyn, with Johnny Marino, 127, Jamaica.

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Taking the lead at the start, and holding it all the way, Pete Kennedy, 147½, Elmsford, registered over Vic Pignataro, 144½, in a slugging eight-rounder at the Forum Arena. In the semi-final six, Mickey Zangara, 148, Bronx, had the better of LeRoy Epps, 145, Bronx, while in another six Sal Ferello, 120, Harlem, earned the decision over Carlos Manzano, 121½, Mexico City. Bronxites finished in front in the three scheduled fours, Bobby Scores, 126½, stopping Joe Miles, 126¼, Newark, in the first; Ralph Proccia, 124, Bronx, flattening Victor Ross, 124, Brooklyn, also in the first, and Charley Frick, 152¼, whipping Tommy Burke, 153, Chicago.

The card supporting the Marcel Cerdan-Georgie Abrams scuffle in the Garden certainly didn't measure up to the riotous headline number. For the most part, the bouts were dull and uninteresting. In the eight-round semi-final, Larry Fontana, 160½, Brooklyn, outslapped a quaint character named Villavicencio, 159½, Mexico. Andy Peppe, 173¼, Greenwich Village, outmauled Ruben Jones, 165, Norfolk, in six, while another six wound up in a two-round kayo win for Howie Brodt, 148, Oneida, over Paul Tine, 146¼, New York. Sammy Chernoff, 125½, Brooklyn, won from Jimmy Hegeman, 128½, also of Brooklyn, and Ross Anzalone, 138¼, Bronx, defeated Nick Mistovich, 149¼, Youngstown, in a pair of fours.

Unbeaten since his arrival in these parts last summer, Gene Gosney, up-and-coming Texas heavy, now operating out of Forest Hills, L. I., ran off his fifth straight kayo by halting George Benski, Pueblo, Colo., in the sixth round at the Ridgewood Grove. The semi-final, also between big fellows, likewise terminated via a k. o., Art Ramsey, Glens Falls, stopping George Haywood, Phoenix Ariz., in the fourth. Jimmy Mangia, East Side middleweight, iced Ricardo Radelli, South America, in the fourth round of a scheduled six, while in a couple of fours Jack Bagby, heavyweight protege of Tony Canzoneri, outpunched Johnny Willard, Brooklyn, and Sammy Grounds, Forest Hills light-heavy, whipped Ernie Horne, Grand Rapids.

Almost flattened in the first, Billy Walker, rugged Portland, Ore., middleweight, fought a courageous uphill battle to just fall short of evening the count with Herbie Kronowitz, Coney Island favorite, in a ten-rounder at the St. Nick.

Kronowitz's opening assault had Walker in distress, Billy staggering perilously close to a knockout from a volley of vicious rights and lefts to the head. But the Oregonian survived the rough going, and came on to battle the Coney Islander to a split decision in a savage, free-swinging brawl.

Referee Jim Freeman voted for Kronowitz, Judge Charley Shortell gave it to Walker, and Judge Leo Birnbaum (Bobby Dawson) divided the rounds evenly, but conceded Kronowitz the edge on points. Kronowitz weighed 158½ to Walker's 161.

An all-Mexico City argument in the semi-final resulted in a one-round kayo win for Alejandro Vega, 145½, over Aurillo Vasquez, 142½. In a pair of sixes, Leo Matriciani, 207½, Baltimore, copped the decision over Jimmy Meeks, 193¾, Harlem, and Joey Brocato, 132½, East Side, knocked out John Land, 127¼, Newark, in the third. Tony Masciarelli, 153, Bronx, outpointed Maurie Anks, 151½, Ottawa, Canada, and Kenny Hilton, 139, Brooklyn, had the better of Billy Griffin 138, Bronx, in fours.

Morris Reif, Brownsville's belting beauty, chalked up his eighth consecutive kayo by putting away Jorge Morelia of Mexico in 2:58 of the second round at the Broadway Arena. A left hook to the body started Morelia going and another left to the chin finished him. The Mexican was doing well until the explosion, having outboxed Reif in the opening frame and clipping Morris with a jarring right cross just before the Brownsvillian nailed him. Reif scaled in at 147½ to Morelia's 141¼.

Hy Bronstein, 161, Bronx, a southpaw with a thunderous wallop, flattened Johnny Harvey, 160¾, Port Chester, in the fifth round of a wild semifinal. Joe Holmes, 136½, Passaic, had too much class for Nick Primiani, 141, Montreal, and Referee Jim Crowley used good judgment in stopping the uneven affair at 2:58 of the third.

Arthur List, 126½, Brooklyn, needed only eighteen seconds of the first round to stretch Joe Miles, 123¼, Harlem, for the full count. Charley Zack, 152½, West Side, gave King David, 156, Harlem, a four-round trouncing, and in another four Steve King 191, Brooklyn, won over William Brown, 187¾, Bronx.

Patsy Giovanelli, 139, Brooklyn, handed Julie Bort, 138, Coney Island, his first setback in eight starts by taking a split eight-decision at the Park Arena. Jimmy Jennette, 117, Yonkers, flattened Jose DeMedina, 116½, Puerto Rico, in the second round of the semi-windup. Mickey Zangara, 148½, outpointed Don Ruggiero, 149½, Yonkers, in six, while in fours Anthony Viserto, 131, Fordham, edged out Sol Cantor, 129, Paterson; Jim Slade 166, Bronx, beat Edco Greenwood, 161, Washington Heights, and Sal Farrello, 119½, Harlem, won over Nat Wolfson, 124½, Bronx.

IN CHICAGO
With GENE ENGEL

JAKE LaMOTTA, middleweight challenger to Tony Zale's middleweight title, made his second Chicago appearance of the year triumphantly. He defeated Anton Raadik, Estonian, in ten frames, in a Chicago Stadium headliner, before a gathering of 12,760 fight enthusiasts, who expended into the till $54,215.

LaMotta, in tip-top shape, took his time in the early rounds, and was content to punch intermittently, while Raadik, a dead serious gamester, tried uppercuts and hooks that found their mark but didn't phase the tough Bronxster at all. The fourth and fifth frames were Anton's best endeavor but from the sixth on ring-wise Jake cut the European's left optic and poured on leather relentlessly. It seemed that the Gothamite was more intent on inflicting punishment rather than concentrating on a possible knockout—a type of vengeance for the beating that Raadik meted out to brother Joey last summer in a semi-windup number to Jake's seven-round conquest over Robert Satterfield at Comiskey Park.

Bob Foxworth, heavyweight, furthered his pugnacious talent at the expense of tough Tommy McVey, Philadelphia, 182-pounder. Bob absorbed several hard smashes before he annihilated the Pennsylvanian in 2:51 of the third. McVey was knocked through the ropes for a nine count before the fatal ten was reeled off.

The other bouts: Dave Clark, fresh from an upset triumph over Vinnie (Casey) Jones, spilled hard-punching Benny McCombs, Detroit, middleweight, for the "coup de grace," in round three. A beautiful right hand smash paid off for the "Crescent City" performer.

Pat Iacobucci, stablemate of Clark's, also out of Cincinnati, corrected a previous draw verdict with Pete Bolos, Detroit, 125-pounder, to win in six.

Tommy James, Southside Negro, upset Jack Ballangee, Tony Zale's stablemate, in a five-rounder and Vince Calzaretto, local heavyweight, had to be satisfied with a five-round draw against the more experienced Bill Petersen, Indiana Harbor, 208.

Beau Jack, lightweight favorite, was to have opposed Willie Joyce in a ten-round Stadium headliner. However, the Beau sustained a fractured knee-cap in training that necessitated a substitution. Nick Castiglione was offered the match and accepted. He dropped a unanimous verdict to the Hoosierite, who, incidentally, was a substitute for Johnny Bratton, recent conqueror of Joyce, who had to forego the original Beau Jack match due to an injured knuckle. So this Stadium attraction can be labeled the "Battle of Substitutes."

5,321 fans paid in $23,109.

The balance of the card was great—Pete Bolos of Detroit and Pat Iacobucci of Cincinnati, featherweights, fought to a six-round draw.

Gene Joyce, Willie's younger brother, weighing 137 pounds, won over Al Gomez in six.

Bill Tierney, Cleveland 145-pounder, outscored Joyce's stablemate, Lee Jones, of Philadelphia, in a six-rounder.

Leon Thompson, Evarts, Ky., 150, won easily over Bill Parsons of Danville, Ill.

Casey Jones, New York middleweight, knocked out Doc Williams with one right-hand punch in 1:50 of the opening stanza.

Gene Spencer, South Chicago veteran 132-pounder, defeated Willard Coffey in six.

Marigold Gardens—Nick Castiglione, hard-hitting Chicago Westside Italian, embarked on a welterweight campaign. Scaling 140 pounds, he trounced Bill Parsons with sledge-hammer body blows to take a unanimous eight-round decision.

Tommy McVey, Philadelphia, heavyweight, scored a five-round decision over Johnny Flannagan in the semi-windup.

Mickey McMillen, Milwaukee, lightweight, kayoed Ralph Chappy of Detroit in one round.

Ernie McMillen of Detroit stopped Jimmy Burke of Milwaukee in one heat, and Sammy Saunders put away Bill Patrick in one.

Doc Williams finished Eddie Green of the "Motor City" in one frame.

Curtis (Hatchetman) Sheppard, Baltimore, Md., Negro heavyweight, picked on two Chicagoans the past month for knockout triumphs. Bill Petersen lasted a little short of four rounds and Clarence Brown didn't finish two heats, in main events at Baltimore.

Rainbow Fronton—Booker Beckwith had easy pickin' in Henry Jones who fell by the wayside in three rounds of a scheduled ten.

The prelims: Vince Calzaretto knocked out Johnny Buttram in three. Dave Colquitt, Gary, middleweight, and Jim Edward Lee battled to a five-round draw.

Ed Rawlins knocked out Bobby Lee in one heat and Vic Leonard stopped Doc Lewis in a frame.

Marigold Gardens—Jimmy Joyce, fast-punching Gary lightweight, caught up with Marion Rhoten of Milwaukee in the fifth round to register a knockout in the main eight-rounder of a triple-header.

Wray Carter, Chicago lightweight, and Al Jordan, also of Milwaukee, ended even-stephen, and Meyer Siegel, Jewish middleweight out of

New York City, stopped Pat McLeary in three heats.

In the prelims Clem Custer, hard-punching Detroit 130-pounder, won over John Grady of Gary, Indiana, 5. Mickey Wilson won over Al Wank, welterweight, and Baby Amador won over Willie Scott, Gary, Negro lightweight, in four-round tiffs.

Rainbow Fronton—Anton Raadik, Estonian middleweight, scored an early knockout conquest over Charley Hayes, delivering the finishing blows in the second round of a slated ten-round conflict.

Raadik bounced a right to the jaw early in the second heat, Hayes going down for a nine count; then Anton realizing the "kill," rushed in and finished off his adversary with a fusillade of head and body wallops.

Clem Custer, up-and-coming Detroit featherweight, gained the laurels over scrappy Georgie Adams, in the five-round semi-windup attraction.

Marigold Gardens—Dave Clark won a unanimous decision over Casey Jones, rugged New York middleweight, in the eight-round main event.

Otis McGraw dumped Doc Williams for the count in the fifth and final stanza of the semi-windup.

In the prelims Mickey McMillen, Milwaukee, 151, and Mike DeRosa, Elgin, fought to a draw.

Joe Dawson, Chicago heavyweight, defeated Elmer Holt of Bloomington, Ill.

Bobby James, Chicago middleweight, won from Buddy Hodnet, Detroit, 160-pounder, and Charley Baxter of Cincinnati kayoed Baby Amador, Mexico City, in one. All were four-rounders.

Rock Island, Illinois—Tommy Campbell, Rock Island welterweight, won with comparative ease over Danny Robinson, Chicago Westsider, in the ten-round windup.

Tim Dalton, Chicago lightweight, was very impressive in decisioning Henry Huerta, Peoria Indian, in the six-round semi-windup.

Roland Taylor, Des Moines, and Rudy Turner, Buffalo, drew in a sixer. Bud Cottey, Indianapolis, Ind., knocked out Jimmy McAllister of Chicago, in two, and Woody Green, Indianapolis, kayoed Ray Merritt, Chicago, in one.

Freddie Dawson opposed Gene Burton in the ten-rounder at the Rainbow Fronton. Previously Dawson gained a points verdict, but this time, after the officials had again awarded Dawson the victory laurels, the fans protested so vociferously, that a recapitulation was made and an error in one of the judge's tally sheets—the correction entitled Burton to a draw.

John Grady, Gary, lightweight, won over Georgie Adams in the five-round semi-windup.

In other bouts Mitchell Walton, Gary, defeated Rubin Rivers, Mexico City; Carleton Ayers, Gary, won over Eric Anderson, Chicago, 142; Gabby Freland, Canada, scored over Ted (Tiger) Weems, Chicago lightweight, in five; and Sammy Saunders, Chicago welterweight, won over James Holmer, Gary, Indiana. All of the other contests were of four-round duration.

Marigold Gardens—Freddie Dawson, sleek Southside lightweight, won as he pleased with Ben Evans, Oklahoma City, 145, in the eight-round windup.

Evans was down for a three count in the first heat, received a badly cut eye, yet had sufficient pluck to last out the required route.

Charles Lester, elusive Cleveland 212-pounder, let unknown Henry Johnson, Southside 208-pounder, throw a few lusty punches that missed their mark perceptibly, and then Lester straightened out his inexperienced foe and crossed one timely right for the payoff, all in round one of their five-round semi-attraction.

Mike DeRosa, in his second pro fight, battered Don White in his comeback attempt. He dropped White several times before a right to the solar plexus sent Don writhing with pain to the canvas for the ten toll in round four.

Sammy Saunders, Chicago, 152-pounder, drew with John Toney of San Diego, Cal. Charley Baxter, Cincinnati, 139-pounder, hit Butch Maxwell of Gary with a solid smash for a one-round knockout.

And in the opener, Reuben Rivers, Mexico City, won a fast encounter from Willie Scott of Gary. All were four rounders.

Rainbow Fronton—Cocoa Kid, a veteran of fifteen years in the squared circle, made his Chicago debut by defeating Gene Buffalo of N.Y.C. who has also seen his best years, eight rounds.

Nate Bolden was held to an eight-round draw by Hezzie Williams in a companion eight-rounder.

Reuben Rivers, surprised with a three-round kayo over Ernie Hoffman of Milwaukee, Wis.; Baby Amado stopped Bob Waterman, 1; Eric Anderson and Jam Johnston drew, 4; Jim Lee stopped Willie Covington, 3.

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COVERING NEW ENGLAND

By MARK FANNON

SALEM, MASS.—Steve Kronis, 131½, tough southpaw Greek of Boston, stopped Leo Methot, 132, Montreal, 9. Doc Blanchard, 127, Cambridge, won over Chuck Jackson, 125½, Manchester, N. H., 6. Mose Cunikin, 155, Manchester, kayoed Young Diaz, 153, Boston, 1. Frankie Young, 148, Boston, kayoed Red McDonough, 150, Boston, 2.

Southbridge, Mass.—Bill Landry, 163, Moncton, N. B., scored a three-round K.O. over Gene Robichaud, 161, Woonsocket, R. I. Eddie Gallant, 130, Gardner, kayoed Alec Cardin, 128, Grafton, 1. Til LeBlanc, 125, Moncton, N. B., kayoed Frank Quellette, 126, Gardner, 2. Herve LeBlanc, 145, Gardner, and Billy LeGarde, 141, Worcester, fought a draw, 4.

Lynn, Mass.—Jennings Brotherton, 136, Boston, outpointed Joe Gillis, 137, Springfield, 10; Marty Pemba, 130, Boston, kayoed Gene Gomez, 125, Boston, 4; Carter Holmes, 140, Boston, kayoed Johnny Parvia, 137, Boston, 5; Dan Holloway, 160, Boston, scored a K.O. over Eddie Jansen, 156, Boston, 1.

Framingham, Mass.—In the first show held here in over 25 years, Al Pinel, 157, New Bedford, and Bobby Nash, 151, Philadelphia, fought to a draw, 8; Jackie Walker, 153, Boston, stopped Russ Golding, 155, Jersey City, 7; Bob Demers, 130, Brockton, outpointed Johnny Travis, 133, Framingham, 4; Gene Morris, 126, Natick, stopped Eddie Demers, 130, Brockton, 2; Pat Shannon, 147, Boston, halted Frankie Lombardi, 146, Marlboro, 3.

Fall River, Mass.—Leo Mucucci, 128, Portland, Me., scored his second K.O. over Bobby English, 126½, Fall River, this time in 5; Leo Bouillard, 132, Lowell, kayoed Red Levesque, 139, Fall River, 1; Al Dutra, 146, Cambridge, making a comeback, kayoed Eddie Richmond, 140, Providence, 3; Len Riley, 128, Fall River, stopped Hank Faro, 136, Fall River, 2; Felix LeBlanc, 136, Fall River, outpointed Eddie Deschenes, 132, Fall River, 4.

Lawrence, Mass.—Buddy Brown, 153, Boston, outpointed Jerry (Rock) Boisvert, 154, Lewiston, Me., 10; Frankie Young, 145, Boston, kayoed Sammy White, 147, Medford, Mass., 3; Billy Zaduk, 145, Toronto, kayoed Young Diaz, 150, Boston, 1; Frankie Martin, 122, Boston, outpointed Kid Connoyer, 126, Derry, N. H., 6.

Worcester, Mass.—Leo Sawicki, 146, Worcester, stopped Billy George, 142, Newark, N. J., 1; Ray Dulmaine, 123, Millbury, outpointed Til LeBlanc, 126, Moncton, N. B., 6; Bobby Burton, 149, Providence, outpointed Young Frankie, 152, Boston, 6; Ollie Wilson, 160, Worcester, stopped Billy Chaput, 154, Revere, 1.

Athol, Mass.—Veteran Harry Hintlian, 135, Worcester, made it 33 wins out of 35 fights when he outpointed Lloyd Hudson, 130, Bath, Me., 8; Pat Shannon, 144, Boston, halted Paul Allard, 150, Gardner, 3; Bernie McNally, 187, Cambridge, kayoed Al Homer, 180, Gardner, 2; Walter Sousa, 136, Cambridge, kayoed Johnny Battalino, 135, Boston, 1.

Boston, Mass. (Mechanics Bldg.)—"Spider" Armstrong, 130½, came off the canvas twice to K.O. Raul Zenit, 137, Mexico City, in the ninth; Blond Tiger, 130, Lowell, outpointed Tony Ferrara, 132, Brooklyn, 8; Art Aragon, 146½, Boston, chilled Patsy Zoccano, 147½, Brooklyn, 1; Jimmy Lake, 182½, New York, stopped Earl Evans, 197½, Boston, 2; Paul Donovan, 150, Boston, kayoed Eddie Fisher, 147, Providence, 1.

Gloucester, Mass.—In the first pro show held here in some years Johnny Seaman, 166, Quincy, Mass., made a comeback and kayoed Billy Rynne, 165, Lowell, in the fifth; Mickey Maguire, 120, Boston, stopped Frankie Martin, 122, Plymouth, 4; Colby Benson, 140, Gloucester, and Walter Souza, 140, Cambridge, drew, 4.

Boston, Mass. (Garden)—Ralph Zannelli, 148, Providence, fought Joe Blackwood, 155¼, Paterson, N. J., to a 10-round draw; Eddie Boden, 172, Boston, outpointed Ernie Griffin, 175, Hartford, 10; Tony Falco, 147, Middletown, Conn., kayoed Al Spencer, 145, San Francisco, 6; Nick Stato, 130, Springfield, outpointed Roy. Andrews, 132, Lowell, 10.

Manchester, N. H.—Florient Desmarais, 134½, Manchester, outpointed Tommy Greb, 135, Boston, to regain his New England lightweight championship, 12.

Salem, Mass.—"Mad Anthony" Jones, 170, Boston, outpointed Jimmy Hooper, 171, New York, 10; George Cassista, 185, Danvers, outpointed Curtis Clemmons, 178, Boston, 6; Carter Holmes, 141, Boston, kayoed Johnny Battalino, 137, Boston, 5; Jimmy Vincent, 139, Lowell, kayoed Joe Palaza, 133½, Boston, 2.

Lynn, Mass.—"Red" Perkins, 141, Lynn, kayoed Oscar St. Pierre, 147, Fall River, 1; Sam Shumway, 178, Webster, outpointed Johnny Martin, 190, Essex, 8; Paul Donovan, 150, Boston, outpointed John Botty, 148, Fall River, 6; Dan Holloway, 160, Boston, kayoed Billy Chaput, 154, Revere, 1.

Fall River—Bobby Zollo, 151, Providence, outpointed veteran Eddie Alzek, 146, Brooklyn, 10. Red Levesque, 140, Fall River, outpointed Eddie Richmond, 140, Providence, 6; Ralph Seymour, 168, Providence, kayoed Pete Moore, 176, New Bedford, 4; Len Riley, 130, Fall River, kayoed Hank Faro, 138, Fall River, 2; Eddie Deschenes, 134, Fall River, outpointed Johnny Parvia, 137, Boston, 4.

Lawrence—Blond Tiger, 128½, Lowell, outpointed Henry Polowitzer, 133, Hartford, Conn., 10; Sammy White, 146, Medford, kayoed Frankie Young, 143½, Boston, 3; Leo Boulard, 131, Lowell, stopped Alfio Gerofolo, 133, Lawrence, 1; Joe Hebert, 126, Lowell, kayoed Frankie Martin, 123½, Plymouth, 4.

Worcester—Jimmy Henderson, 150, Paterson, N. J., outpointed Billy Tordiglione, 149, Boston, 10; Mose Cunikin, 160, Manchester, and Bill Landry, 161, Moncton, N. B., drew, 6; Bobby Burton, 149, Providence, stopped Bill Contini, 156, Boston, 6; Curtis Clemmons, 177, Boston, outpointed Freddie Ramsey, 204, Cambridge, 4.

Boston (Mechanics)—Buddy Hayes, 128, Boston, outpointed Tony Costa, 128½, Woonsocket, R. I., 10; Art Aragon, 146, Boston, kayoed Johnny Parker, 145, Springfield, 1; George Renault, 134, Lowell, outpointed Joe Polowitzer, 136, Hartford, 6; Doc Blanchard, 127, Cambridge, stopped Len Riley, 127, Fall River, 3; Herb Tessier, 147, Springfield, kayoed John Botty, 146, Fall River, 2; Bill Bradley, 160, Boston, stopped Dan Hollaway, 161, Boston, 2.

Boston (Garden)—Johnny Cesario, 140, Boston, outpointed Dave Andrews, 145, Lowell, to win the New England welterweight championship, 12; Jimmy Sauer, 152, Cambridge, stopped Buddy Brown, 155, Roxbury, 7; Jimmy Vincent, 142, Lowell, outpointed Leon Jackson, 138, Cambridge, 4; Tom Collins, 122, Boston, made his pro debut by outpointing Gene Gomez, 124, Boston, 4; Billy Cooper, 163, Jersey City, outpointed Bat Stroud, 164, Hartford, 6.

Burlington, Vt.—Buster Beaupre, 140, Burlington, kayoed Al McKenna, 145, Montreal, 3; Bobby LaCasse, 131, Burlington, and Al Gagnon, 134, Montreal, drew, 6.

Salem—Joey Longo, 130, Baltimore, outpointed Jimmy McLarnin, 131½, New Bedford, 10; Eddie Richmond, 139, Providence, kayoed Walter Gomes, 137, New Bedford, 2; Frankie Young, 147, Boston, K.O. over Eddie Fisher, 145, Providence, 2; Leo Boulard, 130, Lowell, stopped Kid Connoyer, 128, Derry, N. H., 2.

Fall River—Gene Farland, 161, Providence, won easily over Art "Honey" Robinson, 164, Pittsburgh, 10; George Renault, Lowell, knocked out Gerardo Gonzales, 131, Fall River, 3.

Athol—Jimmy Pettie, 147, Woburn, and Johnny Parker, 143, Springfield, fought to an eight-round draw; Bobby Pooler, 139½, Portland, decisioned "Corky" Davis, 139, Worcester, 8; Irish Tommy Mack, 146, Springfield, kayoed Freddie "Goldfish" Balesano, 142, Hartford, 1.

Worcester—Leo Sawicki, 154, Worcester, won an easy decision over Jay Paganelli, 154, New York, 10; Earl Evans, 194, Boston, knocked out Curtis Clemmons, 182, Roxbury, 4; Til LeBlanc, 126, Moncton, N. B., kayoed Billy Mays, 126, Boston, 3; Fred Ramsey, 200, Cambridge, outpointed Gus Cimino, 190, Roxbury, 4.

Boston (Mechanics Building)—Jack "Spider" Armstrong, 130, Toronto, had an easier time in this match and knocked out Raul Zenit, 136, Mexico City, in the fourth.

In the 8-round semi-final, Red Wells, 137, Manchester, N. H., beat George Renault, 133, Lowell; Frankie Ross, 150, Boston, beat Luis Alonzo, 151½, Mexico City, 6; Leon Hudson, 123, Cambridge, outpointed Til LeBlanc, 127, Worcester, 4; Paul Donovan, 151, Boston, stopped Bill Bradley, 155, Roxbury, 1; Ivan Jones, 128, Portland, beat Doc Blanchard, 128, Cambridge, 6.

Salem—Tommy Greb, 134, Boston, defeated Johnny Campbell, 134½, Bangor, Me., 10; Chuck Jackson, 126, Manchester, stopped Frankie Martin, 125, Plymouth, 3; Carter Holmes, 141, Boston, defeated Jimmy Vincent, 142, Lowell, 6; Young Diaz, 153, Boston, kayoed George Fredericks, 152, Hamilton, 1.

Fall River—Franny Leonard, 129, Taunton, gained a unanimous 10-round decision over Leo Mucucci, 132¼, Portland, Me., at the Casino; Leo Boulard, 133½, Lowell, knocked out Gerardo Gonzales, 133¼, Fall River, 2.

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Cerdan the Fighter of the Month

By THE RING EDITOR

NEW YORK witnessed its second great fight of the year on December 6 in Madison Square Garden when Marcel Cerdan, the Morocco Tiger Man, unleashed all he had to score a close victory over Georgie Abrams. Next to the now famous Graziano-Zale affair, it ranks as the outstanding battle of the year. It was a thriller and like the middleweight title mill, it kept the fans on edge from start to finish. Only the knockdowns that made the latter such a sensational bout, were missing from the Cerdan-Abrams struggle.

The American debut of the famed French-Moroccan gained for him the Fighter of the Month Award and enabled him to clinch one of the leading posts in our Annual Ranking of World Fighters. To Georgie Abrams, another worthy American scrapper, goes our highest commendation for putting up a fight every inch of the way.

With the Christmas holidays nearing, the fight game suffered considerably. Many clubs that usually stage weekly shows, failed to carry on while the Garden, world's premier fight arena, was idle for several weeks.

Several of the leading heavyweights saw action, among them Jimmy Bivins, who is rapidly regaining his stride; Elmer Ray, Arturo Godoy, Joey Maxim, Curtis "Hatchetman" Sheppard, Lee Oma, Bruce Woodcock and Melio Bettina. The results of their bouts figured in the annual ratings which appear elsewhere.

Due to the fact that this issue carries these ratings, no monthly ranking of boxers is listed in this issue.

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BILLY SMITH added to his prestige in the light-heavy ranks by stopping Billy Grant in seven rounds. Dave Sands won the Australian light-heavyweight title by stopping Jack Johnson, who still retains the heavy crown.

The middleweight division was full of activity. Besides the Cerdan-Abrams bout, an international affair of importance, Jake LaMotta, Steve Belloise, Artie Levine and Holman Williams among other good boys in the division, saw action. Fritzie Zivic lost three bouts to men whom he could have taken into camp in a jiffy several years ago.

Bob Montgomery's victory over Wesley Mouzon, a New York and Pennsylvania world lightweight championship bout, was the feature bout in that division.

In the feather class, Willie Pep, one of the greatest fighters the division has had in many years, continued his string of victories. He is a busy little battler. He knocked out Tomas Beato and Chalky Wright. As we go to press he fights Miguel Acevedo in Havana with THE RING Editor as the referee.

Phil Terranova continued his great work of the year when he halted Oscar Calles in Venezuela in ten rounds, and Jackie Graves is making a fine comeback. He stopped Billy Bates in a round. Spider Armstrong, New England feather king, is also going good.

Prospects of the Month

Heavyweight—Charles Lester, Cleveland, Ohio
Light-heavyweight—Bob Amos, Detroit, Mich.
Middleweight—Tom Kiddy, Flint, Mich.
Welterweight—Johnny Long, Rochester, N. Y.
Lightweight—Buddy Fitzgerald, Jersey City, N. J.
Featherweight—Billy Gillard, Philadelphia, Pa.
Bantamweight—Emlyn Jones, Croydon, England
Flyweight — Cecil Schoonmaker, California

Here are the heavyweight bouts: Joe Louis boxed a four-round exhibition with Perk Daniels in Mexico. Jimmy Bivins kayoed Colion Chaney, 5. Elmer Ray beat Jersey Joe Walcott, 10.

Curtis Sheppard chilled Clarence Brown, 2. Arturo Godoy whipped Tex Boddie, 10; stopped Buddy Knox in one round. Bruce Woodcock chilled George Martin, 3.

Lee Oma was held to a draw by Fitzie Fitzpatrick, 10. Lee Q. Murray knocked out Sandy McPherson, 2. Joey Maxim halted Jimmy Webb, 6.

Nick Wolmarans scored over Archie Smith with a four-round kayo. Jimmy Carollo whipped Johnny White, 8, and Sandy McPherson, 8. Buddy Walker knocked out Johnny Shkor, 10.

Sanders Cox iced Jimmy Evans, 2. Melio Bettina whipped Bill Weinberg, 10. Ward Reed outpointed Johnny Denson, 10. Willie Huff chilled Charlie Roth, 4.

Jackie Cranford chilled George Bensik, 6; beat Charlie Crump, 10. John Thomas upset Johnny Colan, 10. Johnny gave away twenty pounds. Roy Hawkins knocked out Ralph Hooker, 3.

The Jerry McSwain vs. Harold Blackshear bout was declared no contest, 2. Tony Ferry won the nod over Sid Cohen, 4, but lost to Joe Mason, 6. Earl Evans chilled George Reed, 2.

Willie Applegate beat Jimmy Meeks, 6, and chilled Cleo Everett, 3. Larry Lane bested Eddie Franklin, 6. Jimmy Lake whipped Ted Walters, 4, and stopped Earl Evans, 2.

Pat Valentino outpointed Willie Brown, 10, and Francisco de la Cruz, 10. Rusty Payne knocked out Gene Felton, 7. Al Velez knocked out Tony Musto, 2.

Tommy Garland iced Bobby Miller, 3. Harry Berntsen stopped Cliff Koerkle, 6.

Light-heavyweights fared as follows: Billy Smith stopped Billy Grant, 7. Tommy Charles outclassed Buddy Shumway, 6. Dave Sands knocked out Jack Johnson for the Australian light-heavy title in one heat.

Jackie Lyons whipped George Hill, 6. Sharkey O'Neal chilled Acie Dearing, 1. Ragon Kinney stopped Allan Small, 5.

Jimmy Webb upset Eddie Ownby, 10. Clem Russo outpointed Booker Robinson, 8. Anthony Jones reversed a previous loss against Jimmy Hooper in 10.

Luther McMillen beat Henry Holley, 4. Henry Hall whipped Saint Paul, 10. Davey Feld outpointed George Kochan, 8. Eddie Wilson beat Al Wright, 4.

Charley Banks starched Tommy Baynes, 3. Elton Evans whipped Arthur Brownie, 10. Eddie Boden scored over Ernie Griffin, 10. Buster Peppe won over Billy Pappas, 6.

Sam Shumway whipped Johnny Martin, 8. Marty Marshall stopped Johnny DeNero, 2. Elton Evans drew with Buster Peppe, 6.

Billy Pappas decisioned Jim Lake, 8. Andy Peppe beat Ruby Jones, 6. Kenny Harris stopped Frank Lowry, 2. Clarence Wilkinson iced Freddy Lott, 2. Sammy Grounds halted, Jimmy Thelan, 2, and beat Ernie Horne, 4.

Marty Marshall knocked out John Hernandez, 3. Ralph Seymour kayoed Pat Moore, 2. Harold Dettman beat Langston Dennis, 8.

Johnny deVilliers of South Africa stopped George Mackay in one and beat Adrian Scheepers in 6. Johnny looks like a comer. Tom McKeagney outpointed Bob Isler, 8.

Middleweight contests: Marcel Cerdan defeated Georgie Abrams. Steve Belloise knocked out Anton Christoforidis, 10. Sam Baroudi knocked out Willis Scott, 6. Artie Levine stopped Jimmy Sheppard, 5. Laverne Roach beat Joe Tate, 8.

Bos Murphy defeated Jack Kirkham, 12. Mickey Doyle outscored Bobby Berger, 10. Fred Apostoli whipped Frank Augustain, 10. Dave Clark beat Casey Jones, 8.

Joe Curcio and Bee Bee Washington drew in 10. Al Priest beat Henry Jordan, 10. Gentle Daniel knocked out Jota Jota Hernandez, 5. Billy Arnold stopped Billy Furrone, 2. Jimmy Collins beat Clint Perry, 8.

Holman Williams outscored Johnny Brown, 10. Larry Fontaine beat Villavicencio, 8. Maurice Cloutier halted Billy Lancaster, 5. Lloyd Gibson stopped John Fulton, 3.

Harold Green defeated Joe Bennett, 8. Jack Patton whipped Irving Marcus, 6. Howard Bennett scored over Solly Zalter, 8. Cecil Hudson whipped Chuck Hunter, 10.

Joe Blackwood drew with Ralph Zannelli for the second time in 10. Smuggy Hursey starched Bobby Pryor, 5, and beat Ellis Stewart, 10. Bert Paige decisioned Speedy Duval, 6. Lloyd Gibson beat Speedy Duval, 10. Bobby Richardson halted Cliff Beckett, 4.

Billy Kilroy defeated Johnny Harvey, 6. Jimmy Mangia scored over Danny Ruggiero, 4. Johnny Mara stopped Russ Golding, 3. George Brown halted Lou Angelo, 6.

Juan Serrano outscored Art Robinson, 10. Charlie Zack beat Jimmy Jackson, 4. Edgar Greenwood chilled Jackie Raione, 2.

Cocoa Kid outpointed Gene Buffalo, 8. Joe Governale whipped Coolidge Miller, 10. Jake LaMotta beat Anton Raadik, 10. Eddie Lee scored over Joe Relich, 8.

Harry Matthews outpointed Bennie Droll, 10. Gene Farland outscored Art Robinson, 10. Jesse Moraney whipped Johnny Walker, 8. Ray Spurlock beat Don Ellis, 8. George Slater halted Joe O'Connell, 2.

Danny Rosati chilled Paul Altman, 1. Joey Albina scored over Speedy Duval, 10. Top Row Allen whipped Kenny Watkins, 8. Chappie Manning drew with Joe Briscoe, 6.

Leo Sawicki decisioned Jay Paganelli, 10, and stopped Bill George, 1. Clem Fitzpatrick outscored Juan Serrano, 8. Herbie Kronowitz starched Russ Baxter, 4. George Duke drew with Don Lee, 10. Henry Johnson whipped Billy Cooper, 10.

Antonio Carmona defeated George Doty, 10. Andre Gomez outscored Johnny Eagles, 10. Johnny Lawless stopped Johnny Mara, 8. Henry Chemel whipped Baby Sims, 10. Lou Tomso scored over Joey Albina, 8. Ossie Harris stopped Danny Martin 9.

The welterweight mills: Tippy Larkin halted Tommy Mills, 4. Bernard Docusen toyed with Joey Ferrier and stopped him in 7. Tony Janiro outclassed Bobby Cummings, 8; and Jorge Morelia, 8. Earl Turner knocked out George Martin, 10. Jackie Wilson halted Tony Riccio, 2; and drew with Earl Turner, 10. Willie Joyce won over Nick Castiglione, 10.

Jimmy Doyle beat Myron Padlo in 10, after a long layoff. Raymond Serrano beat Johnny Dabbs, 10. Sammy Adragna nodded Ben Montabano, 10; and Tommy Ciralo, 10. Gus Mell stopped Pat Scanlon, 9. Chuck Taylor stopped Paul Ferguson, in 3.

Baby Beau Jack outpointed Howard Brodt, 8. Ruby Kessler halted Cleo Shans, 3. Jerry Coursel beat Billy Petersen for the third time in 10. Morris Reif halted Ralph Walton, 4. George LaRover conquered Otis Graham, 10.

Freddie Archer whipped Jackie Armitage, 10. Jimmy Malloy defeated Lou Miller, 10. Rollie Horne knocked out King David, 1. Davey Cohen beat Pete Geno, 8. Maxie Starr whipped Patsy Brandino, 10. Tommy Houston stopped Frankie Cardinal, 5.

Eddie Letourneau kayoed Oscar St. Pierre, 1. Kid Dinamita stopped Dan Calcano, 9. Lennox Dingle knocked out Nava Esparza, 5. Billy Napper stopped Freddie Balesano, 6.

Billy Richardson halted George Neubeck, 1. Bobby Burton decisioned Young Franklin, 6. Tony Mancuso beat Dick Lee, 6. Rocco Rossano won over Jimmy McDonough, 8.

Sparky Reynolds outscored Herschel Joiner, 10. Charlie Williams outpointed Andy Faison, 10. Maurice Beauchene stopped Jimmy Pryor, 4. Leo LeBlond, 2, and beat Eddie Letourneau, 10. Don Lemos put Arturo Barron to sleep in 5. Pat Byers decisioned Billy Mimms, 8. Maurice Beauchene stopped Al Eddie Jenson, 1.

Billy Zaduck kayoed Joe Edwards, 3. Fritzie Zivic drew with Jimmy McGriff, 10, but lost to Ralph Zannelli, 10, and lost to Pete Mead, 10. Gavilan Kid outclassed Johnny Williams, 10. Johnny Sauer beat Buddy Jones, 10.

Joe Lucignano outfought Vic Moreno, 10; Howard Brodt stopped Joe Murphy, 5. Brodt kayoed Paul Tine, 2. Willie Edmunds beat Fist Dever, 10. Bee Bee Wright stopped George Williams, 6, but lost to Gene Burton, 10.

Vincent Villavicencio kayoed Elmore Barnes, 5. Frankie Foley beat Johnny Priest, 8. Kenny James beat Billy Brown, 4. Tony Vero outscored Benny Davis twice in eights.

Tony Falco chilled Al Spencer, 6. Vince Gambill kayoed Dave Meredith, 5. Russ Hawkins stopped Lou Miller, 2. Ernie Calhoun outscored Eddie Thomas, 6.

Herb Freeman took the duke over Johnny Campbell, 8, stopped Kayo Tardiff, 3, and beat Billy Napper, 8. Cotton King outscored Juan Vallalba, 10. Charley O'Kelly outscored Louis Bell, 10. Bobby Zolla took the nod from Eddie Alzek in 10. Henry Vonsavage halted Jimmy Jones, 4. Jimmy Henderson decisioned Billy Tordiglione, 10.

Roger Whynott beat Joe Pyle, 10. Charley Williams belted out Mel Johnson, 7. Charley Early whipped DeWitt Dean, 6. Wayland Douglas beat Henry Jordan, 10. Joe Falco halted Chet Vinci, 9.

Tony DeRosa defeated Pete Muscarnera, 8. Eska Mosley outscored Charley Finley, 6. Bill McDonald beat Eddie Brown, 4.

Johnny Cesario defeated Dave Andrews, 12. Buster Beaupre chilled Al McKenna, 3. Al Mobley bested Milton Lattimer, 8. Frankie Ross outfought Maurice Cloutier, 10.

Johnny Williams outpunched Joey Peralta, 8. Charlie Parham starched Billy Parsons, 6. Earl Moore stopped Charley Busalacchi, 3. Tony Falco whipped Stanley Jordan, 6. Ernie Forte whipped Rudy Campa, 10. Bill Daly was stopped by Billy Zaduck, 5.

Lee Britto halted Benny Colardo, 4. Jimmy Petti drew with Johnny Parker, 8. Gus Mell scored over Patsy Brandino, 10. Bennie Deans decisioned Van Butler, 6.

Lefty LaChance halted Buster Beaupre, 4. Charley Millan nodded Buster Tyler, 10. Jackie Darthard stopped Yucatan Kid, 6. Jimmy Isler whipped Walter Stevens, 6. Jackie Lovatt halted Aurillo Vasquez, 6. Pete Kennedy outfought Vic Pignataro, 8. Charley Eschman beat Harvey Dubs, 10.

Lightweight contests: Bob Montgomery knocked out Wesley Mouzon in the 8th round of a title scrap. Lulu Costantino defeated Bobby Williams, 10, but lost to Eddie Giosa, 10. Giosa also beat Jorge Morelia, 10. John Thomas outsmarted Candy McDaniels, 10. Enrique Bolanos chilled Lew Hanbury, 6. Jimmy Collins stopped Dorsey Lay, 8.

Frankie Moore stopped Lew Hanbury, 6. Roman Alvarez upset Julio Jiminez, 10. Julie Bort outpointed Donald Murray, 6. Former lightweight champ Lew Jenkins floored Ted Garcia six times and then put him on ice in the 9th heat. Joey Fagan whipped Tony Ferrara, 8.

Nunzio Carto chilled Patsy Walters in twelve seconds flat. Australian Eddie Miller whipped Kid Young, 12. Harry Hintlian decisioned Lloyd (Kid) Hudson, 8. Alf James outboxed Dave Katzen, 12. Ernie Petrone whipped Julie Kogon, 8.

Chili Johnson stopped Archie Derry, 3. Bobby Pooler beat Corky Davis, 8. Jimmy Joyce kayoed Marion Rhoten, 5. Mike Konnors whipped Willie Huff, 6. Danny Webb outpunched Arthur King, 10. Freddie Russo halted Johnny Gebert, 3.

Archie Goodbee nosed out Paulie Jackson in 10, and Harry Diduck, 10. Willie Beltram outpunched Al Pennino, 8. Florient Desmarais whipped Tommy Greb, 10, and drew with Oliver Desmarais, 10. Greb then beat Johnny Campbell, 10. Tony LaBua whipped Tony Ferrara, 6.

Harry Hintlian defeated Ernie Cabral, 6. Johnny Woods halted Joey Polowitzer, 5. Jackie Weber kept right on winning when he licked Nick Primiani, 10. Jesse Watson stopped Billy Blades, 4.

Lou Cassiano bested Aponte Torres, 8. Ray Lewis outsmarted Talmadge Bussey, 6. Smoky Robinson decisioned Eddie Perry, 6.

Joey Brocato halted Lou Daniels, 1. Doug Ratford whipped Billy Nixon, 8. Curley Nichols stopped Joey Wasnick, 6. Jackie Hogan whipped Bobby Fuller, 6. Joey Carkido whipped Bobby Williams, 8.

Earl Huff kayoed Sonny Bentley, 3. Joey Angelo whipped Humberto Zavala, 10. Richie Shinn defeated Richard Silva, 8. Maxie Shapiro bested Freddie Russo, 10.

Paulino Montez knocked out Clarence King, 6. Bobby Beamon whipped Jimmy Joyce, 10. Joey Fagen halted Baby Armstrong, 7. Walter Stevens stopped Bobby Waters, 7. Tommy Wells whipped George Renault, 8.

Freddie Dawson whipped Ben Evans, 8. Paddy DeMarco whipped Davey Cohen, 6. Ross Anzalone beat Nick Mistovich, 4.

The featherweight bouts: Willie Pep knocked out Tomas Beato, 2 (non-title), and Chalky Wright, 3 (also non-title). Phil Terranova knocked out Oscar Calles in 10. Jackie Graves knocked out Billy Bates, 1. Jackie Callura was held to a 10-round draw by Bobby Jackson, and was then stopped by Manny Ortega in 2.

Spider Armstrong chilled Raul Zenit, 9, and then again in 4. Jimmy McAllister whipped Filberto Osario, 8. Leo Mucucci halted Bobby English, 5, but lost to Francis Leonard, 10. Vic Mariano whipped Frank Curry, 10.

Fabela Chavez stopped Dave Hernandez, 3. Tommy Monty starched Manuel Zurita, 2, and Carlos Manza in 3. Joey Kushner outfought Lee Salerno, 8. Clint Miller defeated Hubert Gagnier, 10. Dennis Pat Brady kayoed Baby Sanchez, 3; beat Lloyd Hudson, 8.

Maxie Docusen beat Billy Pinti, 6. Buddy Hayes outpointed Tony Costa, 10. Midget Mayo outscored Charley Williams, 6. Archie Devino kayoed Bobby Richards, 5. Scotty Hudson outpointed Ivan Jones. Chico Rosa kayoed Freddy Silvano, 6.

Charles (Cabey) Lewis scored over Juste Fontaine, 10, but lost to Carlos Chavez, 10. Blond Tiger whipped Tony Ferrara, 8. Ivan Jones beat Chuck Jackson, 8, and Doc Blanchard, 6. Joey Belfoire upset Dino Bleta, 8.

Joey Longo outpointed Jimmy McLarnin, 10. Bobby Logan knocked out Rudy Madera, 3. Sammy Cheroff beat Jimmy Hegeman, 4. Nick Stato whipped Roy Andrews in a close 10. Speedy Cabanella stopped Mario Trigo, 1. Leo Milito whipped John LaRusso in a blistering 8, and then drew with Luther Burgess, 6.

Angelo Ambrosano outpointed Billy Reed, 8, and Jim Parlin, 8. Castro Calderon outscored Charlie Watson, 4. Harry Varava decisioned Joe Bongi, 6. Yasu Yasutake whipped Adolph Samuels, 6.

Billy Proctor decisioned Babe Kelly, 8. Ernie Calhoun drew with Brown Lee, 6. Charley Williams whipped Matt Parker, 6. Jimmy Sulla scored over Tommy Trout, 6. Romeo Ouimet outcsored Manolito Kid, 10.

Joe Davis beat Frank Fernley, 6. George Freitas beat Kenny Lindsay, 10. Tito Valles drew with Kenny Haines, 6, and stopped Raul Roque, 5. Len Hutson scored over Tilmon LeBlanc, 4. Bobby Richards outscored Manuel Zurita, 6.

Joe Bamby beat Percy Idlett, 4. Charley Titone stopped Bobby Jones, 1. Jackie McCoy outscored Andy Vasquez, 10. Speedy Cabanella drew with Charley Johnson, 10. Willie Weasel chilled Johnny Forte in 1. Henry La Sane defeated Grady Wilson, 6.

The bantamweight bouts: Frankie Gerrard whipped Paul Carbetta, 8. Theo Medina, European bantamweight champion, whipped Amleto Falcinelli, 10. Jose DeMedina got off the floor 21 times before losing a 10-round decision to Jimmy Jennette. Luis Castillo reversed a previous defeat against Jackie Wilson, 10.

Jimmy Webster halted Sammy Reynolds, 10. Ivor Fredricks won over Castro Calderon, 6, but lost to Danny Carabella, 8. Sal Farrello kayoed Percy Idlett, 3. Stan Rowen outscored Jacky Hughes, 10. Dickie Muller beat Nick Decker, 4. Don Rogers bested Billy Grimm, 4.

Tony Olivera outscored George Freitas, 10. Johnny Summers drew with Jackie Bryce, 10. Jimmy Brown decisioned Spider Hatcher, 4. Sal Farrello chilled Percy Idlett, 2. Bud Christman defeated Philip Lebang, 10.

Fernando Gagnon halted Louis Langley, 7. George Sanchez stopped Ralph LaSalle, 5. Leonardo Lopez drew with Armando Puenti Pi, 10. Paul Herrick drew with Ivan Jones, 8. Ivor Escobar halted Jorge Sanchez, 5.

Flyweights fared as follows: Dado Marino bested Eddie Reyes, 6. Terry Allen defeated Frank Teirney, 8. Jimmy Gill beat Tommy Burney, 10. Hayden Jones beat Gilbert Hughes, 8. Benny Rees beat Eddie Davies, 6. Roger Croft defeated Jack Parsonage, 6.

A cut over his right eye bleeding profusely, Georgie Abrams battles desperately against Marcel Cerdan's furious assault in third round of savage battle in Madison Square Garden.

BUFFALO, N. Y.
By HUGH SHANNON

MELIO BETTINA whipped Big Bill Weinberg in a rather slow ten-rounder at Memorial auditorium on November 19. Weinberg was never in danger but it was Bettina who forced the fighting and deserved the verdict.

In preliminary bouts on the Bettina-Weinberg card Ray Lewis, 133, New York, whipped Talmadge Bussey, 133½, in six rounds; Frankie Robinson, 139½, Buffalo, outpointed Eddie Perry, 139, Detroit, in a six; Marty Marshall, 172, Detroit, was awarded a K.O. over Johnny DeNero, 174, Buffalo, second round; Rickey Miller, 152½, Buffalo, defeated Ted Bussey, 148, Detroit, four rounds.

The Fairview Club is after a Joe Matisi-Jersey Joe Walcott match for January. This one will pack the house. Jack Singer of the Hudson Club wants Joe Baksi for Phil Muscato, also for a January engagement.

About 14,000 fans saw Primo Carnera toss Iron Talun in less than six minutes in a special bout staged by the Great Lakes Club at the auditorium on December 6.

Lee Oma defeated Joe Muscato in ten rounds in the Hudson Club's headliner on November 13. Oma stepped around Muscato, avoiding Joe's punches and countered with stinging lefts and rights. Lee's margin of victory was not large, however, and many of Muscato's backers thought the Buffalo fighter won. However, all three officials voted unanimously for Oma.

In other bouts on the card, which was replete with knockouts, Johnny Chatmon, 147¼, stopped George Teague, 145, fifth round; Vic Eisen, 118, Buffalo, flattened Johnny Aiken, 118½, Buffalo, third session; Len Wadsworth, 161½, Hamilton, Ont., knocked out Art Tate, 157, Cleveland, two rounds; Eddie Brant, 133½, Dayton, stopped Glen Massey, 135, Buffalo, in the first heat.

The *Courier-Express* Golden Gloves amateur tournament was a huge success this year with a number of promising youngsters uncovered. . . . Your correspondent, who is editor of *The Sports Review*, weekly sports paper here, will be glad to print boxing news that is furnished by out of town managers and promoters. . . . Write Hugh Shannon, 144 Wallace Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

UTAH-IDAHO-MONTANA-WYOMING
By CARL E. HAYDEN

HAROLD McNEIL, chairman of the Intermountain A.A.U. boxing committee, is cooperating with sponsors in promoting the Golden Gloves finals for the northwest states in February at Twin Falls, Idaho.

Preliminaries will be held in January with fistflingers from Utah, Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Montana participating.

Finalists will enter the national tournament at Chicago, Ill. All expenses will be paid.

Douglas Bean, athletic officer of the American Legion Post at Twin Falls, is in charge of arrangements for the northwest event, which is being sponsored by the Legion and the Twin Falls *Times-News*, daily newspaper.

IN SAN FRANCISCO RINGS
By ROBERT VALLI

FRED APOSTOLI, ex-San Francisco bellhop and former New York state middleweight champ, notched another win to his comeback column by outclassing tough Tommy Egan, young local Irish roughhouser, in a hard-fought, slightly one-sided contest before a big crowd at the Civic Auditorium.

The house, which paid $17,000 to witness the scrap, expected the ex-champ to be given his toughest bout since returning to ring wars. However he fooled them and Egan, too, by pounding out an undisputed win. Apostoli's terrific body blows took the steam out of the youngster and after the third round, he was unable to do much.

Apostoli scaled 155, Egan 149.

In the semi-final, Willie Brown, hard-hitting Negro heavyweight, belted punch-absorbing Johnny Ebarb, Oakland battle-veteran, around lustily to win handily in six-rounds. Weights were, Brown 190, Ebarb 184.

Charley Johnson, 124, kayoed Joey Mace, 128, in three rounds. Jimmy Rock, 181, won over Edwin Keller, 179, in four. Bob Smith, 158, decisioned Willie Parker, 159, in four.

Pittsburgh Jackie Wilson surprised a good crowd by winning a decision over Luis Castillo, Mexico's toy bulldog, in ten rounds at San Jose. Weights were: Wilson 125½, Castillo 121.

Jackie Romero, hometown favorite, stopped Eli Golindo, Los Angeles Mexican, in the feature at Sacramento in nine. Romero weighed 126, Golindo 125.

Oakland Billy Smith, top local Negro light-heavyweight, retained his state title by grabbing a twelve-round draw with Archie Moore, San Diego Negro, at the Oakland Auditorium.

The crowd paid $9,068. Smith tipped the scales at 172, Moore 171.

In the semi-final, Maxie Ankele, 137, and Joe Kelly, 135, went to a draw in six rounds. Allen Arnett, 172, Los Angeles Negro, stopped Jess Slocum, 170, local slugger, in two. Harry Allbritton, 145, won over Eddie Grantano, 149, in four. Martin Edwards, 129, kayoed Wayne Sheppard, 127, amateur star, in two rounds.

Classy Bobby Jones, Oakland Negro, banged out an upset decision over Sal Perea, local "comer", in ten rounds at National Hall. Perea scaled 149½; Jones, 147½.

Leroy Willis, South City Negro lightweight, scored another win by kayoing Boykin Bourgoise, 134, Oakland Negro, in three. Ray Stevens, 200, unbeaten young Oaklander, kayoed Big Bill McClure, 193, Minneapolis, in two. Leo Baker, 163, did the same to Wilson Mackey, 160, in two.

Unbeaten Jess Flores, classy Stockton lightweight, kayoed Arturo Barron, rugged Los Angeles gamester, in eight rounds of a double-bill at Civic Auditorium.

Everything wasn't easy for Jess, as he had to climb off the floor twice to finally put his tough opponent away. Many fans believed Flores could dish it out, but they were in doubt as to whether he could take it. However, this bout proved Jess has plenty of gameness. It was a corker of a scrap with one landing a Sunday punch, then the other. The finish was convincing though, for Flores wore Barron out and the latter was a badly beaten fighter at the finish. Weights were Flores 137½, Barron 140.

In a companion ten-rounder, Mario Trigo, slugger from Mexico, badly cut Tony Rodriquez' eye in the third round and won by a T.K.O. Trigo, who previously had nodded Tony in a hectic brawl, had the better of the rematch when it was halted. Mario scaled 133, Rodriquez 134½.

In a special event, Alex Amador, 136, easily outboxed Lee Walker, 135, to grab the six-round decision. Eddie Russey, 148, won the nod over Ward Jenkins, 149, in four.

Juan Leanos, top-favorite at the vegetable city, continued his popularity by outpointing Joe Robleto, Los Angeles Mexican veteran, in ten rounds at the San Jose Civic Auditorium.

Leanos, 130, had too much class for the aging Robleto. The latter scaled 130.

In the semi-final, Billy Gibson, 130, San Francisco Negro, won over Tino Wilson, 134, in six.

Enrique Bolanos, top-notch Los Angeles Mexican, surprised by his easy win over Star Misamis, Filipino gamester, in the headliner at the Oakland Auditorium.

Bolanos, a sensational performer, kayoed his veteran opponent early in the second round. The crowd paid $11,496 to see the short contest. Enrique weighed 134½, Star 136.

In the undercard: Abel Lucero, 132½, Fresno Italian, won the decision over Bernardo Ramirez, 132½, in six. Leonard Marrow, 172, nodded Allen Arnett, 173, in four. Robert Smith, 159, drew with Johnny Crawford, 158, now making a comeback, in four. George Maddox, 150, defeated Bobby Smith, 150, in four.

Georgie Duke, Petaluma middleweight, returned to ring wars after his unsuccessful try against Fred Apostoli and won over Lincoln Stanley, Oakland Negro, in ten rounds at National Hall. Stanley scaled 155; Duke, 154.

The undercard was short and sweet. Chuck Hammond, 169, kayoed Obie Wooten, 168, in one. Willie Parker, 160, stopped Willie Vega, 161, on a cut lip in one. And Joe Kelly, 138, won handily over Billy Lee, 146, in four.

Jackie Romero halted Eli Golindo, mustached Mexican, in eight rounds at Sacramento.

Romero outscored his foe easily to win for the second time over the Los Angeles lad. Weights were Romero 123, Golindo 124.

In the semi-final, Charley Johnson, 125, San Francisco Negro, kayoed Baby Hernandez, 123, Mexico, in two.

Pat Valentino, top local heavyweight, won an undisputed decision over Willie Brown, youthful Negro clouter, in ten rounds at the Coliseum Bowl. His body blows slowed Brown up and took much of the steam out of the Negro's heavy blows. Weights were Valentino 184, Brown 186.

Prelims: Ward Jenkins, 149, won over Eddie Russey, 148, in four. Bobby Garcia, 128, drew with Orville Young, 124, in four. Dee Edwards, 188, kayoed Percy Butler, 176, in two rounds. Allen Arnett, 172, decisioned Eddie Keller, 178, in four.

Jack Chase and Archie Moore battled to a draw in the main-go at the Oakland Auditorium. Weights were Chase 178, Moore 171.

In the semi-final, Candy McDaniels, belting Cincinnati Negro, registered his third straight coast kayo in one round by flattening Gil Ramirez, 142, in less than half a round. McDaniels, who scaled 136, is now in line for a main-event.

Other results: Harry Allbritton, 146, kayoed Ray Martinez, 142, in two. Ernie Duarte, 150, a comer, was held even by Slugger Maddox, 147, in four.

In one of the worst decisions handed down this season, Buddy Knox, veteran Eastern heavy, was gifted when he was awarded the nod over Tony Bosnich in ten rounds at the Civic Auditorium.

Everyone gave Bosnich at least seven rounds. We had given Tony seven, Knox two, and called one even. The local ex-football star landed the cleaner, harder blows and outclassed Knox most of the way to win handily. Weights were Bosnich 190, Knox 202.

In the semi-windup, Sal Perea, 146, outscored Mickey Gimmell, 143, in six. Top Row Allen, 154, went to a draw with Bobby Ferris, in six. Leroy Willis, 136, kayoed Chuck Lane, 138, in one. Don Jensen, 150, turned pro and won over Chris Vargas in four.

Subbing for ailing Lloyd Marshall, Pat Valentino, 'Frisco heavy, kayoed Eddie Powell, highly-touted Seattle Negro, in six rounds at Sacramento. Weights were Valentino 176, Powell 172.

In the semi, Mickey Willis, 138, local Irish youngster, was held even by Mickey Gimmell, 143, in six. Billy Wilson, 138, won over Nick Fovitch, 138, in four. Bob Rubi, 147½, kayoed Earl Flynn, 152½, in two. Eddie Russey, 142½, won over Ward Jenkins, 152, in four.

Speedy Cabanella, Fillipino featherweight, unloaded a barrage of blows at Kenny Lindsay, and won by a kayo in the second at San Jose.

Cabanella, scaling 124, started swinging at the start of round one and before he let up Lindsay had hit the deck seven times. Kenny weighed 123.

Earl Turner, popular Richmond Negro welter, added another win to his ever-growing list by defeating Georgie Martin, Boston veteran, on T.K.O. in the tenth at the Oakland Auditorium.

Weights were Turner 150, Martin 151.

In the semi-final, Lalo Rodriquez, Los Angeles Mexican, upset favorite Frankie Gimbel, 159, who made quite a name for himself while in the service, in eight rounds. Lalo's heavy hitting was the margin of victory.

Leroy Willis, 136, hard-hitting South City Negro, kayoed Abel Lucero, 134, Fresno Italian, in one round of a sixer. Willis and Lucero stood toe-to-toe and slugged from the start, with Willis landing the final punch; a hard right to the jaw. In the opener, Buddy Jones, 149, won over Vepe Watson, 148, in four.

Short Jabs: Prelim boys on the up-beat are Leroy Willis, clever hard-hitting South City Negro; Ray Steven, big Oakland heavyweight; Top Row Allen, crowd-pleasing Negro welter; Charley Johnson, sharp-shooting Negro featherweight; Joe Kelly, Oakland lightweight; George Maddox, local Negro welter; Buddy Jones, Oakland welter, who made good in first headliner; and Maxie Ankele, fast-stepping Oakland lightweight. . . . Charley O'Kelly, Guido Giometti's hard-fighting welter, upset the dope when he licked Louie Bell, good New Orleans Negro, in ten rounds at Eureka. . . . Tony Rodriquez, good San Francisco lightweight, has had some bad luck lately. After piling-up a big win streak he lost to Benny Calla and had to start over again. He then was matched with Mario Trigo who won a close, hairline decision. And in a rematch he was stopped in three on a cut eye, now it looks like small club headliners for Tony again. . . That's about all for this month.

IN SYRACUSE RINGS
By BILLY SHAW

BUFFALO'S latest lightweight star, Tommy Stenhouse, banged out an eight-round decision over Harry Diduck, New York boxer, in the windup at the Brighton Theatre. The scrap drew the season's smallest crowd, a mere 1,000 fans, paying $1,622 to see the one-sided match.

In the eight-round semi-final, Tony DeMicco, Troy, took the nod over Bobby Vowels, Utica, Negro light-heavyweight.

Results of the prelims: Eli Hall, Buffalo, Negro middleweight, won over Carmen Sappello, Schenectady, in six. Hal Victory, Eastwood junior-welter, fought a six-round draw with tough Glen Massey of Buffalo. Billy Carpenter, Elmira, jabbed out a victory over Artie Green, Utica, in the four-round curtain lifter.

Those who have written this pillar, and the letters are piled high on our desk, are asked to bide with us until we have completely recovered from our recent illness. We will reply to all of you who have been kind enough to write as soon as we possibly can. Thanks again, boys.

At Binghamton, Lulu Costantino, 131¼, New York, outpointed Bobby Williams, 135¼, Miami, in ten.

At Troy, December 2: Archie Goodbee, 132½, Albany, defeated Harry Diduck, 131, New York, in ten rounds.

At Binghamton, Joey Kushner, 129½, local fighter, took a unanimous decision from Lee Salerno, 130, of Binghamton.

Salerno had taken what Kushner termed "a home town decision," over Joey last summer in a Schenectady ring, and Kushner was out for blood. He nearly blasted Lee into dreamland in the second with a booming left to the jaw. Joey put Lee down twice again in the sixth with underhand left uppercuts. Salerno made a game stand but couldn't stave off Kushner's steady assault.

Jackie Turner, 187½, Rome, used a weight advantage of 15 pounds on Nick Barone, Syracuse's Fighting Florist, but could get no better than a draw with the North Side sharpshooter, after six rounds.

Tommy Stenhouse, 133¼, Buffalo, defeated Tommy Taylor, 136½, Cleveland, in a sensational six-round battle. Bobby Grant, 155, Homestead, Pa., outpointed Hugo Bonacci, 156¾, Syracuse, according to the officials, but to the eyes of the fans, Hugo actually won this go. Glen Massey, 139¾, Buffalo, decisioned Hal Victory, 136½, Eastwood, in four. Artie Green, 130½, Utica, outslugged Jimmy Evans, 133, Auburn, in four.

Left-Hooks: Kid Polo, No. 1 boxing character in Syracuse, is now a bartender and an entertainer. . . . Syracuse high schools have announced that boxing has been added to their sports program and will engage in inter-scholastic fistic meets. . . . The Central City Club has resumed the promotion of wrestling on a bi-monthly basis. . . . Al Highers, Sherrill boxer, should be kept busy. . . . Here's a lad who can really fight. . . . Don't miss this column next month if you are interested in boxing here.

WESTERN NEW ENGLAND
By GEORGE ROSS

LOU "LUCKY" LANGLEY journeyed to Montreal, Canada, and fought Fernando Gagnon, Canadian Bantam Champion, for seven tough rounds before receiving a cut lip and had to call it quits.

Joe DeMaria is running fights in Greenfield, Mass., and amateur bouts in Chicopee Falls, Mass. Charlie Johnson, who is doing the matchmaking for the Valley Arena, has appointed "Dutch" Robbins as his assistant for the preliminaries.

Ludlow, Mass., with Al Gauthier and Billy Miller doing the matchmaking, put on some good fights in this small town.

In Montreal, Russ Leighton and Sylvio Mireault, have a fine stable of fighters. Sylvio Mireault, former featherweight champion of Canada, has a fine gym for the boys to train in.

Tommy Jessup is getting ready for a busy campaign under the training of Walter McCormick, and Manager Harry Stone. Al Grimaldi, manager of Ralph McNeil, has McNeil up the top of the bantams in New England.

Ruby Bradley, a former great little bantamweight, is in Springfield, Mass.

The writer has been appointed representative of this boxing stable for Western New England. Anyone seeking the services of boys from Canada should get in touch with me at 50 Carlton Ave., Chicopee Falls, Mass.

Besides Lou "Lucky" Langley bantamweight, and Gary "Red Cap" Cooper, 147 lbs., I am corresponding with a few other boys whom I will manage this winter.

WAY UP IN NEW HAMPSHIRE
With RALPH G. PELOQUIN

A NEW HAMPSHIRE boxer's "outstanding" achievement is Florient Desmarais' regaining his lightweight championship against Boston's Tommy Greb before a capacity throng of 1,600 fans. In winning the New England title, Desmarais recaptured the crown he lost only six weeks previously to the same opponent in a Boston ring. Before leaving the arena, Desmarais promised Greb a return bout any time he chose and any place. This championship presentation was held in Manchester, N. H., the new champion's home town.

Leo Mucucci of Berlin, doing his fighting out of Portland, Maine, under the managership of Chick Hayes, the port city promoter, came close to getting another shot at Buddy Hayes' featherweight title when he tackled Francis Leonard of Taunton, Mass. Just a week previously the Cascade-Berlin Italian had knocked out Bobby English at Fall River, Mass., and the winner of the Mucucci-Leonard mêlée was promised a shot at the New England diadem. But . . . the winner was Leonard!

Primo Carnera, Italy's "Ambling Alp," took two straight falls over Marvin Westenberg of Tacoma, Wash., to win the feature bout at the Recreation Center, Manchester, as wrestling attempted a comeback in that city. More than 600 fans, who sat in on the evening's excitement saw "Da Preem" pin his opponent in 16 minutes and two seconds in the first fall and then take the second fall in 5:05.

At North Conway, N. H. Main bout—Jean Barriere of Montreal, weighing 133, took a unanimous 10-rounder from the Blond Tiger (Jean Paul Frechette), 130, of Lowell, Mass.

In the two six-round semi-finals, Dom Sinibaldi of Berlin, 150, kayoed Aurele Rocheleau, 147, Montreal, in two. Pat Dyer, 153, decisioned Rudy Margolin, 149, Montreal, in six. Johnny Donato 134, of Cascade, kayoed Norm Colby of Lowell, Mass., 138, in 2:05 of the first. The curtain-raiser saw Marcel Therriault, 134, Montreal, lose to Joe Hebert, 128, of Lowell, Mass., in four.

Washington, D. C.—The National Boxing Association announced that the New Hampshire State Athletic Commission has joined the NBA.

Edgar "Kid" Perrault, lightweight, of Berlin, also known as the kayo kid from the East Side, has been fighting quite regularly under the expert guidance of Paul Junior of Lewiston, Maine.

Ed Perrault was matched with Billy Constance of Portsmouth, N. H., and it lasted three rounds with another knockout triumph for the East Side Kid.

Newcomers from Somersworth, N. H., Roger Tanguay, 160, and Pete Dumont, 135, won their fights. Tanguay kayoed Carl Magnusson, 162, of South Windham, in the third of four and Dumont in another four-rounder knocked out Danny DePietro, 134, in the first. Also from Somersworth, Johnny Walker, 135, lost to Jimmy Reidy, 136, of Saco, Maine, in the second by a kayo.

Larry Villeneuve's boxing career was interrupted—only temporarily to submit to a nasal operation. At this writing, Larry is expected to return to the ring in the very near future and will meet the best middleweights in New England. A few more fighters from Berlin, way up in the White Mountains, are expected to stage comebacks: Gene Vachon, a promising welterweight, Omer "Kid" Roy, a ring-wise lightweight and possibly his brother, Gene Roy, who will now fight as a light-heavyweight.

Manchester, N. H., fight results: Florient Desmarais and Oliver Desmarais battled to a surprise ten-round draw. Oliver had carried the fight to his more experienced namesake who is the New England lightweight ruler. The title was not on the line, however.

The semi-final that night saw Seraphine Ronco, 153, Fall River, Mass., gain a six-round decision over Al Pinel, 160, New Bedford, Mass.

In another six-rounder, Bill Landry, 161½, Moncton, N. B., was the winner by a decision over Johnny Steel, 162, New Bedford, Mass.

The four-round openers saw Andy Watson, 135, Manchester, knock out John Parvia, 134, Boston, in 1:39 of the third. Sammy White, 146, Milford, get the nod over Bill Ryans, 147, Manchester.

A crowd of 1,200 saw this action-packed show at the Recreation Center.

At the Bedford Grove, before a sparse gathering of 550 fans, Jimmy Sauer, 150, Boston, completely outboxed Buddy Jones, 157, Portland, Maine, winning unanimously the ten-round verdict.

In a scheduled six-round semi-final Bobby Conway of the Queen City, making his first appearance in many months, sent Red Ryan of Dorchester, Mass., to the canvas in 1:30 of the first round with a wicked right to the jaw. Conway's knockout record now stands at 26 in 29 starts. Both weighed 161.

At Bedford Grove, Roy Andrews of Lowell, Mass., weighing 128½, scored a unanimous decision over Al Smith, 128½, of Roxbury, Mass.

Boxing commissions of four New England states recently adopted a five-point agreement governing the sport in their states. Asserting their action was taken "to improve the sport" the results remain to be seen. In attendance were Chairman Howard Northridge of New Hampshire, Chairman Duncan McDonald and Associate John Magee of Maine, Chairman John F. Stokes of Massachusetts and his fellow commissioners, Albert F. Sears, C. D. Wadsworth and Rufus Bond.

Here's a call for all boxing and wrestling promoters and managers of New Hampshire! Send all your notes with dates and newspaper clippings if you wish to have them published in THE RING. Address: Ralph Peloquin, 788 Fourth Avenue, Berlin, N. H. Send your correspondence before the fifth of each month. Wishing all readers of THE RING a joyous Holiday Season.

NEWS OF TEXAS RINGS
By BILL DAVEE

AT AMARILLO—John Riley, 163, kayoed Johnny Bullard, 160, three. Clifford Mowat, 116, kayoed Nino Solanos, 118, two. Gilbert Garcia, 144, T.K.O.'ed Jake Stephens, 148, five. Bobby Woods, 139, decisioned Eddie Weller, 142, eight.

At San Antonio—George Barris, 129, kayoed Tommy Dean Blankenship, 129, two. Luis Contreras, 134, decisioned Manuel Dizon, 137, six. Bobby Dykes, 132, decisioned Jose Macias, 128, six. Paulino Montes, 135½, kayoed Buddy Frazier, 134, four.

At Harlingen—Vicente Orguela, 110, decisioned Carlos Diaz, 120, four. Reyes Garza, 130, decisioned Pablo Ayala, 140, four. Fernando Rivas, 165, decisioned Raymond Silva, 142, two. Ignacio Garcia, 153, decisioned Jesus M. Moreno, 145, ten. Roberto Esquibel, 121, and Lauro Salas, 120, drew, six.

At Houston—George Perez, 128½, decisioned Joe Robinson, 131, four. Nondo Siosa, 129½, and Luis Contreras, 130, drew, four. Bill McDowell, 162, decisioned Ocie Dearing, 165, eight. Luis Albarran, 130, decisioned James Cox, 130½, eight. Gilbert Garcia, 145, kayoed Harry Lane, 143, two.

At Galveston—Obie Lee Day, 133, kayoed Harold Moore, 130, three. Eundoro Patino, 143, kayoed Ronny Moser, 142, one. Billy McCoy, 170, kayoed Melvin Shields, 165, three. Ted Agapion, 140, kayoed Roy Guerra, 138, one. Reecy Davis, 159, T.K.O.'ed Michael Lytell, 157, five. Ted Garcia, 137, kayoed Billy Ryan, 139, seven.

At El Paso—Edmundo Cruz, 109, and Ruben Garcia, 113, drew, four. Ernesto Zacatecas, 152½, kayoed Daniel Lopez, 162, two. Enrique Salas, 134, kayoed Antonio Hurtado, 128, two. Julian Muriel, 126½, and Jose Olivas, 123½, drew, four. Luis Vera, 135, kayoed Francisco Martinez, 137, two. Jackie Callura, 126½, and Bobby Jackson, 128, drew, ten.

At Dallas—R. T. Brantley, 154, decisioned Asberry C. Robinson, 151, four. Buddy Shumway, 167, decisioned Archie Vansickle, 160, four. James Lee Edwards, 141, decisioned Edgar Green, 142, six. Hubert Gray, 147, decisioned Abner Bedingfield, 146, six. Bert Linam, 148, kayoed Lou Flyer, 143, two.

At Harlingen—Gilberto Vasquez, 110, decisioned Alonzo Ortega, 112, four. Virgil Russell, 140, decisioned Roberto Trevino, 139, four. Pablo Ayala, 131, kayoed Jose Rodriguez Ayala, 129, five. Ignacio Garcia, 136, decisioned Francisco Ramirez, 132, six. Juan Ramirez, 130, decisioned Enrique Garcia, 130, ten.

At Houston — Melvin Shields, 158, kayoed Charles Radke, 152, three. Herschel Wallace, 140, decisioned Otho Slager, 140, six. James J. Cox, 130, and Jose Macias, 127, drew, six. Tommy Charles, 167, decisioned Cecil Shumway, 166, six. Raymond Serrano, 141, decisioned Johnny Dabbs, 143, ten.

At San Antonio—Joe Amaya, 124, decisioned George Barris, 130, four. Fernando Sosa, 129, decisioned Bobby Dykes, 133, six. G. Canales, 144, decisioned Billy Wilson, 143½, six. Jesus Lopez Garcia, 138, kayoed E. Agapion, 136½, two. Tony Elizondo, 164, decisioned Bobby Britton, 160, ten.

At Houston—William C. Wilson, 139, kayoed Francisco Garcia Gomez, 145, two. Marvin Liddell, 174½, decisioned Billy McCoy, 170½, six. James Cox, 131, decisioned Fernando Sosa, 130, six. O'Neal Crocker, 175, kayoed Ocie Dearing, 169, one. Jimmy Webb, 174, decisioned Eddie Ownby, 178, ten.

At Galveston—Harold Moore, 139, T.K.O.'ed Al Bernard, 135, two. Ted Agapion, 136, decisioned Tom Blakeway, 140, four. Melvin Shields, 160, kayoed Boshey Moreno, 156½, two. Eundoro Patino, 145½, kayoed Rudy Flores, 148, three. Otho Slager, 136, decisioned Doug Gibson, 148, six. Lew Jenkins, 137½, T.K.O.'ed Mustang Garcia, 136, nine.

At Dallas—Earl Washington, 172, kayoed Douglas Rhone, 168, three. Jack Mankin, 150, decisioned Oliver Joyce, 155, four. James Lee Edwards, 139, kayoed Frank Cockrell, 137, three. Arlo Roye, 145, decisioned Abner Bedingfield, 146, six. Hubert Gray, 146, decisioned Bert Linam, 149, ten.

Al El Paso—Ruben Garcia, 112, decisioned Juan Manzanares, 111½, four. Antonio Montelongo, 142, decisioned Jesus Flores Castro, 141, four. Pedro Ibarra, 131½, decisioned Eddie Reyes, 141½, six. Hector Marquez, 119, kayoed Earl Roys, 117¼, three. Esteban Martinez, 160, decisioned Dick Smith, 159, ten.

At Houston—Harold Moore, 140, decisioned Frank Cockrell, 139, four. Louis Skorbarczyk, 142, kayoed Eundoro Patino, 145, three. Billy Colbert, 154½, decisioned Allen McCorvey, 153½, six. Luis Albarran, 131, decisioned E. Agapion, 136, six. Danny Rosati, 159½, kayoed Paul Altman, 157½, one.

At San Antonio—George Barris, 126, kayoed Casimiro Sanchez, 124, one. Manuel Dizon, 138, and Benny Dodrill, 138, drew, six. Bobby Dykes, 132, decisioned Joe Perales, 135, six. Remigio Canto, 150, kayoed Jimmy Curl, 158, two. Jesus Lopez Garcia, 136½, kayoed Clarence King, 138, six.

At Port Arthur—Jack T. Wallace, 129, kayoed Harry Silverberg, 134, four. Johnny Ortiz, 134, decisioned Joe Robinson, 135, six. Jose Macias, 130, decisioned Jesse Ramos, 131, six. Dick Menchaca, 135, kayoed Chuchu Llannes, 136, two.

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MINNESOTA NEWS
By BILLY COLBERT

MINNEAPOLIS AUDITORIUM — Jackie Graves, Austin featherweight contender, knocked out Jackie Callura, Canadian featherweight, in the seventh round of a good fight promoted by Tony Stecher. The show drew a gate of $9,000. Graves has scored three K.O.'s in a row since his last defeat at the hands of Willie Pep.

St. Paul Auditorium—Chuck Taylor, Coalport, Pa., welterweight, knocked out Paul Ferguson, Charlotte, N. C., in the third round.

Minneapolis Auditorium—Jackie Graves, 130, knocked out Billy Bates, Pittsburgh, Pa., in the first round before a good crowd. Graves carried too many guns for Bates and he was knocked stiff in the first round.

West St. Paul, Minn.—Amateur boxing card, promoted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Marland Pettis, Minneapolis lightweight, won the decision over Dick Bighley, St. Paul, 137, in a good fight. Bob Van Drake is the promoter for the veterans.

Emmett Weller has the largest stable of amateur boxers in the Northwest. More than 50 amateur boxers work out there.

The old parson, Jack Tierney, is now a professional fight manager. He handles DoDo Durant, featherweight, and Johnny McGrand, middleweight. Earl Kane is the manager of the Flanagan boys from St. Paul. These two kids are about the best in the game around here today. Glen has won all his pro fights so far and Del is going to turn pro in the near future. . . . Newton Scott and Jimmie Egab are staging bouts in So. St. Paul and packing them in at every show. . . . Floyd Hagan, lightweight boxer, is laid up on the shelf with a broken wrist.

Send in your news for this column to Bill Colbert, 319 Robert St., St. Paul, before the fifth of the month.

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By HARRY WINKLER

AGAIN comes the time of year when we RING scribes climb out on a limb with our Annual Ratings. Because of the many angles to be considered in making such ratings, it is a tough assignment. I am adding a brief footnote to my choice in each division, hoping to appease some of the California readers who may feel that their favorite has not been accorded due consideration.

Please keep in mind that only those boxers who have resided in the state for at least six months (those eligible to compete for state title) are listed in this rating. Also, former resident boxers who have not fought in California at any time during the year are also omitted. The present status of those boxers compared with those now performing here, would be purely guesswork, which we hope to keep out of these ratings.

Heavyweights—1—Johnny Haynes; 2—Jerry McSwain; 3—Pat Valentino; 4—Tony Bosnich; 5—Rusty Payne; 6—Tommy Garland; 7—Gene Felton; 8—John Donnelly; 9—Francisco de la Cruz; 10—Willie Brown.

Not having fought in past six months, the names of Al (Big Boy) Brown and Newsboy Millich have been left out of the First Ten.

Other big fellows who had to be considered when this list was made up are Levi Bryant, Harry Wills, Walter Hafer, Leroy Evans, Harold Blackshear and Wee Willie Williams.

175—1—Billy Smith; 2—Archie Moore; 3—Lloyd Marshall; 4—Bobby Zander; 5—Fitzie Fitzpatrick; 6—Costello Cruz; 7—Watson Jones; 8—Jack Hannon Porter; 9—George Millich; 10—Jimmy Martin.

Archie Moore has spent most of his time outside of this state during the past two years, but he has been a resident of California for six of the past nine years. And inasmuch as he is now out here and recently fought Billy Smith for the state title, I feel he belongs in this rating. They fought to a draw, but Smith being the California champion, gets the top spot.

Buddy Millard has not fought in over six months, therefore is not rated. Other light-heavies given consideration were Roy Taylor, Frisco James, Babe Edwards, Acey Haynesworth, Junior Washington.

160—1—Charley Burley; 2—Jack Chase; 3—Kenny Watkins; 4—Emory Jackson; 5—Fred Apostoli; 6—Paulie Peters; 7—Jimmy Coleman; 8—Paul Lewis; 9—Frank Augustain; 10—Vincent Villavicencio.

Charley Burley does not stop in California (or anywhere else) very long, but he did live out here for over two years and is still recognized as state champion by the Commission. He recently defended that title.

Kenny Watkins won a questionable decision over Jack Chase not long ago, but he could hardly duplicate Chase's performances during the past year.

Had to juggle a lot of names in sifting out the above list. Another list of ten would include Jackie Ryan, Ernie Woods, Georgie Duke, Johnny Eaton, Carl Olson, Max Hutchins, Frankie Russell, Charley Catos, Henry Rich and Louis Wise.

147—1—Jackie Wilson; 2—Ray Brown; 3—Earl Turner; 4—Freddie Dixon; 5—Chester Slider; 6—Tommy Egan; 7—Nick Moran; 8—Bill Neyland; 9—Louis Bell; 10—Don Lee.

Cecil Hudson has campaigned outside the state during the year, therefore is not listed. Nava Esparza is left out for the same reason.

There are a flock of good welterweights. Those who barely missed making the selected set are Al Robinson, Ben Evans, Sheik Rangel, Bob Farris, Julius Menendez, Georgie Fields, Memo Llanes.

135—1—John Thomas; 2—Enrique Bolanos; 3—Larry Cisneros; 4—Joe Barnum; 5—Rudy Cruz; 6—Jesse Flores; 7—Richie Shinn; 8—Frankie Moore; 9—Victor Grupico; 10—Eddie Prince.

Say, there is a gang of good lightweights! And here are a number of others almost as good: Eddie Marcus, Leroy Willis, Baby Breese, Eddie Hudson, Benny Calla, Tony Chavez, Leon Spencer.

Ray Lunny and Verne Bybee have retired. Bobby Yaeger can no longer make the weight.

126—1—Carlos Chavez; 2—Jose (Baby) Gonzales; 3—Harold Dade; 4—Lorenzo Safora; 5—Jackie McCoy; 6—Speedy Cabanella; 7—Pedro Ramirez; 8—Alfredo Escobar; 9—Dave Hernandez; 10—Georgie Freitas.

Other featherweights who compare favorably with some of the above are Bud Christman, Ramon Alva, Charley Johnson, Little Giant, Pee Wee Swingler.

118—1—Manuel Ortiz; 2—Luis Castillo; 3—Tony Olivera; 4—Jackie Jurich; 5—Ramon Ruiz; 6—Val Valentine; 7—Gregorio Escolona; 8—Bee Jiminez; 9—Memo Espinoza; 10—Benny Cousins.

112—As in previous years, I am not listing the flyweights. Alfredo Chavez, recognized as the state champion, is fighting in Honolulu. There is not a main event fighter among the flyweights of California, nor as many as ten 112-pounders in the entire state.

There are a number of good little fighters just a bit too light to compete with the top-notch lightweights and too heavy to be rated among the featherweights. They possess too much ability to be overlooked and as all can make 130 pounds, I am rating them at such a weight.

130—1—Fabela Chavez; 2—Bobby Jackson; 3—Al Medrano; 4—Juan Leanos; 5—Mario Trigo; 6—Roscoe Scally; 7—Chuey Figueroa; 8—Nick Diaz; 9—Richie Mendoza; 10—Sammy Anders.

Others just missing the call at this weight are Joe Borjon, Sammy Williams, Billy Gibson, Eddie Sangster, Joe Robleto, Vince Padilla, Lou Bernal.

Well, having again rated the boxers of California, I will, for the next two months, again use the side streets, stuff my ears with cotton, have the wife read my mail first, and endeavor to make some new friends.

In a brawl that would satisfy the most bloodthirsty fight fan, Pat Comiskey, Paterson, N. J., battered out a kayo over Johnny Haynes, Los Angeles Negro, in the sixth round at the Los Angeles Olympic. It was a slugfest from the opening bell, with the huge Irishman being out in front most of the time. Comiskey scored three knockdowns and was credited with every round, but he was hurt a number of times and there was always the possibility that he might be the one belted out.

Haynes started the fireworks by rocking Comiskey with hard blows to the head, causing Pat to hold, but the Irishman won the round by flooring John for a nine-count just before the bell. The behemoths exchanged haymakers all during the second, with Comiskey proving the more durable. Pat decked Haynes for another nine-count near the end of the heat. Slowed down from the terrific bombardment during the first two rounds, the bruisers mauled during most of the third and fourth heats.

Comiskey pounded Haynes all over the ring during the fifth, but although a bloody mess and in a fog most of the time, John kept his feet and proved himself a gamester by refusing the referee's invitation to quit. Pat felled the Negro giant for the full count in the sixth. Comiskey weighed 215, Haynes 220.

In the semi, Babe Edwards, 177, flattened Carlton Perry, 198, in the second round with a powerful left hook to the jaw.

In the prelims, Bill McClure, 191, and Jesse Hall, 188, fought to a draw in four; Bobby Bonger, 178, KO'ed Bob Scott, 2:01, in the second; Al Lucey, 202, decisioned Jack Glover, 208, in four; Jess McGowen, 188, stopped Frank Taylor, 184, in two.

The much publicized and over-rated Spider (Mock) Jensen of North Hollywood was handed a terrific beating by Quentin (Baby) Breese, Kansas veteran, at the San Diego Coliseum. Breese punched Jensen into such a bloody mess that Quentin was reluctant to continue the assault. Jensen was rubber-legged, groggy and bleeding badly throughout. The slaughter was halted in the seventh, after Spider had been dropped for the third time. Each weighed 136.

In supporting bouts, Irvin Steen decisioned Freddie Long, in the six-round semi; Bobby Taylor KO'ed Art Diaz in three; Herman Bounds quit to George Stamos in the third; Ishmael Hannefan chilled Cowboy Provencio in the third; Jess McGowen stopped Ray McBride in two.

Fabela Chavez is not one of those on strike, as he is getting more money for doing less work these days. His most recent chore, the subduing of Dave Hernandez, was the easiest assignment that Fabela has had in months. Chavez, who fights in spurts, likes to take his time and Hernandez might have stuck around longer had he not been so ambitious. Dave was stopped in the third round of this Hollywood Stadium go.

Hernandez came out fast and landed a few solid blows that shook Fabela to his heels and that was bad, for Davey. Chavez launched a counter-attack that must have given Dave the miseries. However, Hernandez is a cocky guy and he repeated the effrontery at the start of the second heat. That was the beginning of the end for Davey. Chavez floored his outclassed foe four times during the round, once knocking him completely out of the ring. It was Hernandez's body that came out for the third, he not having either the spirit or stamina for it. The first solid punch put him down and Referee Bill Kershner raised Fabela's hand. Chavez weighed 131, Hernandez 130.

In the semi, Lady Luck ganged up with Edgar Robinson, 158, to win by a TKO over Ernie Woods, 155, in the fourth round. Woods had floored Robinson in the first and was far out in front when he received an eye cut, causing the bout to be halted.

In the prelims, Eddie Warren, 123, was awarded an unpopular TKO win over Earl Maynard, 127, in the third; Rudy Davila, 148, stopped Malcolm Smith, 151, in three; Bobcat Lee, 160, and Howard Todome, 160, drew in four; Bobby Jarvis, 136, decisioned Ray Lewis, 142, in the opener.

Emory Jackson, 158, looked anything but the despised 8-to-1 underdog in his ten-rounder with Kenny Watkins, 164, at the Ocean Park Arena. The shifty two-fisted Negro made the clever Watkins step on it all the way and the decision to Kenny was a split one.

Other results; Cecil Schoonmaker, 117, decisioned Henry Evaro, 117, in the four-round semi; Harry Cole, 138, and Johnny Armando, 136, drew in four; Charles Salas, 144, beat Billy Mitchell, 145, in a four; Bobby Corbett, 156, stopped Leon Lewis, 156, in the third.

After seeing Tony Riccio, Newark, N. J., in the pit with Jackie Wilson, it is hard to picture the Italian slugger winning over the Los Angeles Negro in the East last year, no matter how much off-form Wilson might have been. There are numerous local prelim fighters who would have proved more formidable than Riccio did in this rematch at the Los Angeles Olympic. However, Wilson was good on this night, good enough to be facing any welter in the country.

Riccio tore out at the bell and flailed away with both hands, but his style was amateurish and he was a sucker for the cool, calculating Negro boxer. Determination showed on Wilson's features, in fact, there was something of the executioner's demeanor about him as he moved inside Riccio's wild swings. Jackie rocked the Italian back on his heels numerous times in the opening round and floored him just before the end of the heat, the bell coming to Tony's rescue at the count of five. Riccio had little to offer in the second and was flattened in 1:30 of the round. Wilson weighed 147, Riccio 148.

Champion Joe Louis, Army buddy of Wilson, was present to give Jackie his moral support.

In the semi, Henry Rich, 165, disposed of Johnny Gardea, 162, in the second round.

In remaining bouts, Bob Bonger, 178, defeated Jack Glover, 208, in four; Mike Angustain, 150, KO'ed Joe Moore, 145, in two; Al Gonzales, 138, decisioned Al Sandoval, 137, in four; Clyde Coyhis, 151, nodded Charles Salas, 144.

Harold Blackshear, San Francisco Negro, is probably back cooking. He should have to be after his disgraceful performance against Jerry McSwain at the San Diego Coliseum. Blackshear quit outright in the second round. McSwain won the opening heat with a few rights to the head. Blackshear made no effort to fight and the crowd booed loudly.

Blackshear went down three times from light punches in the second. Each time Referee Frankie Van refused to count and ordered Harold to arise. Van then called it no contest and ordered purses held up. Blackshear was out of shape at 218. McSwain weighed 193.

Other results Chick Musgrove defeated Dallas Sessions in the semi, six; Tommy Franco KO'ed Wallace Batie, four; Ishmael Hannefan iced Ace Burke, two; Flash Gordon decisioned Jose Silva, four; Ruffin Brunner disposed of Limey Paltridge, two.

Concentrating on a body attack, Pat Valentino, San Francisco Italian, punched out a decision over Francisco (Pancho) de la Cruz in an interesting ten-rounder at the Hollywood Stadium. Cruz, a rotund 219-pounder, made quite a target, and Pat was able to dart in and deliver solid punches to Pancho's paunch. Cruz, who entered the ring wearing a Mexican sombrero and serape, made an aggressive fight of it and took Pat's pet punches without giving ground.

In the sixth round it appeared that Ponderous Pancho might upset the dope when he backed the 'Frisco fighter against the ropes and belted him merrily. But the fast pace and body blows had slowed Cruz down and he was not able to repeat that onslaught. Valentino, weighing 175, appeared thin alongside his opponent, who outweighed him by 44 pounds.

In the semi, Bob Castro, 156, stopped Johnny Gardea, 159, in the fourth. It had been a hard hitting affair, with Gardea down for nine in the second.

In other bouts, Eddie Warren, 123, decisioned Benny O'Neill, 131, in four; Dale Hall, 190, stopped Al Lucey, 202, in the first round; Al Gonzales, 140, nodded Babe Huerta, 140, in four; Charles Salas, 142, KO'ed Johnny Anders, 142, in the second.

Charley Smith, 139, New York Negro boxer, is a good fighter, but he doesn't work at it hard enough. Smith appeared to have little trouble keeping in front with Leroy Willis, 135, Detroit Negro, when the New Yorker made the effort, but he loafed much of the time and was given only a draw in their ten-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena. Willis was in bad shape a number of times and badly messed up at the

finish, but Leroy is a gamester and his Garrison finish in the late rounds caught the eye (the bad one) of the official. This writer, as did the crowd, thought that Smith won by a big margin.

In supporting bouts; Henry Evaro, 117, and Cecil Schoonmaker, 116, drew, four; Billy King, 158, bested Howard Todome, 161, but was given only a draw, four; Al Neria, 134, and Harry Cole, 137, had their bout declared a draw because of an eye cut, two; Jay Wall, 159, rocked Bobby Corbett, 156, to sleep, one; Alex Salazar, 129, defeated Sid Hitchens, 128, four.

We have a flock of heavyweights in California, but few of the boxing fans get excited over any of them. However, the more we see of the Eastern heavies, the more respect we get for our local big fellows. The most recent disappointment was Lee Oma of Detroit, who was given a draw with Fitzie Fitzpatrick in a ten-rounder at the Los Angeles Olympic.

To those who like clowning, Oma may be entertaining. He waltzes around with hands down and a smile on his face. Incidentally, Fitzie wiped that smile off Oma's face numerous times, replacing it with a pained expression. The Detroiter made Fitzie miss a lot, but only grabbed after doing so. Fitzie had no fear and little respect for the highly-touted Oma and tore into him continually, causing Lee to backpedal and hold.

After chasing the Russian clown for seven rounds, Fitzie tired and Oma jabbed enough to keep the eighth and ninth rounds even, and he copped the final heat by landing a few rights on the Virginian's jaw. Referee Mushy Callahan (as did most everyone else present) had Fitzie far out in front, but both judges voted it a draw. Their ballots should have been addressed to Oma with a directive "Do not open 'til Christmas." Fitzpatrick was fleshy at 181. Oma weighed 190.

In the semi, Francisco Garcia, 121, hard hitting southpaw of New York, KO'ed Bee Jiminez, 119, San Bernardino, in the second round.

In remaining prelims; Chuck Cureton, 139, beat Al Gonzales, 139, in a four-rounder; Bill McClure, 191, eliminated Baldy Duke, 2:07, in the opening round; Al Lucey, 201, TKO'ed Frank Taylor, 185, in the third; Dale Hall, 189, whipped Bob Scott, 200, in four.

Rusty Payne, 182, San Diego's Negro clouter, evened the score with Gene Felton, 190, Los Angeles Negro, by belting Felton out of the picture in the seventh round at the San Diego Coliseum. Payne forced the milling to win three of the six rounds with left hooks, almost decking Gene in the second heat. They fought on even terms in the third and fourth. Felton copped the sixth. Gene was stopped with left jabs in the seventh.

Other results; Irvin Steen KO'ed Freddie Young in two; Chuck Cureton decisioned Torito Ramos in six; George Stamos iced Joe Music in the second; Flash Gordon belted out Jorge Soliz in the third; Bill Minor nodded Ishmael Hannefan in four.

Making his first start in California since coming out of the Army, Rudy Cruz, Los Angeles Mexican, experienced little difficulty in whipping Eddie Hudson, San Francisco Negro, in a ten-rounder at the Hollywood Stadium. Hudson made the going rough for a few rounds, but Rudy's all-around ability was too much for the 'Frisco puncher, and Eddie was looking quite amateurish before the finish.

Cruz darted in and out, stabbing and hooking Hudson with a left, giving the Negro clouter little chance to toss his potent right. Cruz gave Eddie a body beating when in close and had Hudson in a groggy condition in the seventh. Cruz, weighing 136, was credited with every round. Hudson weighed 135.

In the semi, Sammy Anders, 129, Texas Negro, punched out a six-round decision over Eloy Renteria, 128, of Mexico.

In the four-rounders: Rudy Davila, 149, stopped Del Campo Provost, 148, in the first heat; Johnny Armando, 142, TKO'ed Wilfred Scott, 143, in the fourth; Johnny Anders, 140, decisioned Ray Lewis, 143; Chuck Cureton, 137, bested Al Sandoval, 137, in the opener.

Jimmy Shans, 144, and Clyde Coyhis, 148, battled to a four-round draw in the feature bout at the Whittier Arena, Pico.

Results of other bouts, all four-rounders; Bobby Jarvis, 135, KO'ed Harry Burke, 136, in the third; Bobby Volk, 156, decisioned Otto Buettler, 160, Roland Spencer, 175, stopped Ray Moore, 165, in two; Ruperto Garcia, 130, beat Benny O'Neil, 130; Dallas Sessions, 159, nodded Billy Lee, 150; Ray Lewis, 141, stopped Freddie Chavez, 142, in the second.

It was a dark, cold, rainy night, a nice night, for a murder! And appropriately enough, John Thomas, Los Angeles Negro, was fighting Leo Rodak, Chicago veteran, at the Los Angeles Olympic. In spite of the bad weather there were nearly 4000 fans present to see the bout. Shortly after hostilities got under way, 3990 of the spectators wished they had remained at home. (Of course, John's relatives like to see him fight, regardless.)

Rodak was pathetic. Surely there must be something else Leo can do. Thomas jabbed the Chicagoan at will, backed him around the ring and messed him up with right uppercuts. The lop-sided affair was stopped at the end of the fifth. Thomas weighed 140, Rodak 139.

In a fast, hard fought semi-windup, Pee Wee Swingler, 126, decisioned Andy Vasquez, 127, in six rounds. Vasquez was down for nine in the fourth.

In the four-rounders: Vince Padilla, 131, and Sammy Williams, 131, drew; Chuck Cureton, 137, decisioned Al Sandoval, 136; Gil Napier, 135, whipped Johnny Armando, 139, Howard Todome, 162, nodded Shorty Morgan, 166.

Making his first start in months, Chuey Figueroa, 128, Los Angeles, got back in the win column by stopping Alvaro Estrada, 127, Mexico, in the seventh frame of a scheduled ten-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena. Estrada, although a gamester, is neither tough nor rugged, and he could not stand up to Figueroa's incessant attack. Chuey decked the visitor for a three-count in the opening heat and punished him badly before the bout was halted in the seventh.

In supporting bouts, all four-rounders, Babe Huerta, 143, decisioned Texas Kid, 145; Chick Musgrove, 155, and Frankie Calzo, 160, drew; Charles Salas, 143, beat Ray Lewis, 140; Freddie Hernandez, 120, and Alex Rivers, 125, ended in a tie; Joe Silva, 137, stopped Tony Jackson, 137, in the fourth.

Frankie Moore, San Francisco Negro, was awarded a TKO win over Lew Hanbury, Washington, D. C., in the sixth round of their scrap at the Hollywood Stadium. A cut over the Capital City boxer's left eye caused the bout to be stopped. It had been a good fight and a close one. Moore shook up the eastern boy with a few solid rights to the head, but the blond scrapper came back each time to pound Frankie about the body.

They were mixing it up hotly in the sixth when one of Moore's uppercuts opened the cut that brought forth the house physician and the bad news. Moore weighed 137, Hanbury 136.

In the semi, Jackie Byrd, 148, Blytheville, Ark., chalked up another win in outpunching Jimmy Shans, 143, in six spirited rounds. Byrd, showing improvement in his comeback fights, was credited with every round.

In remaining prelims: Eddie Warren, 123, decisioned Ramiro Lopez, 126, in four; Darnell Carter, 132, stopped Joe Alvano, 130, in two; Marshall Nance, 168, nodded Frankie Calzo, 164, in four; Billy Lee, 152, TKO'ed Sailor Marsh, 153, in the opening heat.

Darnell Carter, 135, Texas, and Bobby Jarvis, 137, Kansas City, both Negroes, fought to a four-round draw in the feature bout at Pico.

Other results; Benny O'Neal, 132, KO'ed Ramiro Lopez, 130, in the second; Bobcat Lee, 161, defeated Malcolm Smith, 157, in four; Marshall Nance, 168, bested Shorty Padilla, 174, in four; Otto Buettler, 158, nodded Frank Calzo, 161, in four; Freddie Hernandez, 116, stopped Tony Garcia, 113, in the third; Ray Aragon, 137, and Bobby Philpot, 131, went to a draw.

For any information regarding the boxing situation on the West Coast at this time, kindly inclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your inquiry, Harry E. Winkler, 1231 N. June St., Hollywood 38, Calif.

KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY

By MAX YEARGAIN

AT TOPEKA—Pat McCafferty, 177, young Navy hero, scored a sensational seven-round T.K.O. over Tony "Baby Face" Reyes, 178, Corpus Christi slugger, in a scheduled ten-rounder, before 3,000 fistic followers.

In the other half of the double main event, also scheduled for ten, Ray Augustus, 172, chalked up his sixth straight knockout by stopping Joey Gaten, 176, Puerto Rican from Los Angeles, in 34 seconds of the second.

McCafferty, former U. S. Navy light-heavyweight champion, fighting his ninth pro fight without a defeat, gave the Corpus Christi tough boy a terrific beating, closing his left eye as early as the second round. At the end of the seventh with both eyes practically closed and blood flowing from his nose and mouth, the Texan's seconds called a halt to the one-sided affair.

Ramblin' Ray Augustus, who has only worked less than nine rounds in his last six professional starts, let the well-muscled Puerto Rican lead to him in the first round. In the second canto Gaten opened a two-fisted attack, which was exactly what Augustus wanted. Suddenly, in a hard exchange, Gaten knocked Augustus' head back, and then the Topekan retaliated by nailing Gaten with a hard left hook to the body and a terrific right to the jaw which put him away for the final ten.

In the semi-final, Henry Chucholuck, 160, St. Louis, T.K.O.'ed Johnny Jarvis, 155, Denver, in 1:51 of the fifth round.

Joe Danos, 147, Denver, knocked out Jackie Wilson, 147, Topeka, in 2:20 of the sixth. Charles "Shifty" Gardner, 125, Topeka, decisioned Freddie Maes, 131, Los Angeles.

Ray Augustus, 171, Topeka, stopped Tony "Baby Face" Reyes, 179, Corpus Christi, Tex., in the third of a feature ten-rounder at Kansas City's Municipal Auditorium. In the co-feature Kansas City's Jackie Darthart, 148, flattened Claude Sullard, 141, Wichita, Kan., in 35 seconds of the first.

The long-armed, terrific punching Augustus was clearly the master all the way as he out-boxed and out-slugged the Texan. Augustus used his long reach to advantage and then moved in for the final kill in 2:23 of the third.

Darthart fired a straight right to Sullard's head which sent the Kansan backwards to land on his head and shoulders. Sullard tried to rise but fell face forward to be counted out.

In the other bouts, Bobby Taylor, 167, Chicago, scored a T.K.O. in 1:08 of the fifth over Irish Johnny Riley, 161, Oklahoma City. Indian Eddie Weller, 147, Portland, Ore., won a technical kayo over Howard Carr, 148, Oklahoma City, in the fourth. 3,000 witnessed the card.

At Memorial Hall, Kansas City, Kan., Major Jones, 147, hard-socking southpaw from Kansas City, planted his left mitt up to the elbow in Tony Motisi's stomach to stop the Chicagoan in 1:18 of the first round. Motisi weighed 145½. The card drew 2,900 fans, who paid $6,207.25.

In the other top spot on the card, Howard Jackson, 119, Kansas City, stopped Harold "Chief" Jackson, 125, Ochelade, Okla., in 2:49 of the first.

Rato Soto, 115, Torreon, Mexico, and Baby Gallo, 110, El Paso, Tex., drew in four. Robert Childers, 141, Kansas City, outpointed Speedy Moore, 141, Los Angeles, in four. Edwin Carr, 133, Kansas City, outpointed Reuben Salazar, 130, Wichita, Kan., four. Russ Moore, 129, Kansas City, decisioned Joe Flores, 128, El Paso, in four.

At Memorial Hall, Kansas City, Kan., Frankie Rivera and Howard Jackson staged a thriller that ended in a ten-round draw. 2,200 fans saw the show.

In the other half of the twin bill Jackie Darthard, 151, Kansas City, stopped Baby Yucatan, 146, in the sixth round of a one-sided scrap.

Val Valentine, 117, Montrose, Colo., outpointed Rato Soto, 112, Mexico, in four. Edmond Carr, 133, Kansas City, decisioned Frank Dozol, 131, Mexico City. Ernie DeFrance, 127, Wichita, Kan., stopped Russ Moore, 131, Kansas City, in two. Robert Childers, 141, Kansas City, outpointed Eddie Weller, 147, Oklahoma City, in four.

At Wichita, Al Velez, Texas, kayoed Tony Musto in two, in a one-sided victory that reflected little credit to Velez. Frank Gilleece suspended Musto for his poor performance. Musto made little effort to defend himself.

Here and there: Joe Rima and Ray Lee, outstanding Kansas City amateurs, continue to chalk up outstanding wins. Topeka's stars are Bobby Spaeth and "Little Joe" Romano. To many questions: Gabe Kaufman promotes in the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Mo., Tom McHugh at Memorial Hall, Kansas City, Kan. Your writer promotes in the Municipal Auditorium, Topeka, Kan. Unattached fighters wanting work throughout the Midwest may contact the writer. Send fight results to Max Yeargain, 704 Kansas Avenue, Suite 306-307, Topeka, Kansas.

ADDITIONAL HAWAIIAN NEWS

By TED YAMACHIKA

CHICO ROSA, recently discharged veteran and Territorial featherweight titleholder, returned to local fistic wars after an absence of about two years and scored an impressive sixth round kayo over highly touted Freddy Silvano in an indoor fight at the Civic Auditorium on Nov. 18. The fight, promoted by Leo Leavitt, drew a small house of 2,698 fans who paid $4,616.75.

Rosa, 120¾, started the first round as if he would make short work of Silvano, 127¾, by scoring a knockdown with a short left to the head. But his attack fizzled out as he missed badly in trying for the finisher. Then the fight settled down into a close one until Silvano went down to be counted out.

Other results: Gus Rosa, 119½, hammered out a decisive win over Hideo Tengan, 127, over four rounds.

Manuel Anduha, 127⅜, decisioned Johnny Perry, 121½, four rounds.

Richard Montiho, 143¼, knocked out Eddie Salazar, 141¼, in the first of four.

Herbert Perreira, 131½, lost another to newcomer Rapoldo Bitte, 141, in a four-rounder.

Tony Rodriques, 117⅛, took the four-round opener from Vinny Gerona, 114⅞.

Richie Shinn, 135½, classy Korean boxer from San Francisco, added his fifth straight local victory at the expense of Territorial lightweight champion Richard Silva in an eight-round non-title fight at the Civic Auditorium on Nov. 25.

The fight was as one-sided as any fight could be without a knockout being scored. Richie Shinn, elusive as a shadow, won every round.

Other results: Joe Colon, 126⅞, scored a win over Hideo Tengan, 127⅞, four rounds.

Lefty Quiocho, 125½, won a close one over Eddie Silva, 125½, four rounds.

Manuel Bochan, 159½, knocked out Tommy Lee, 152⅝, in second of a four-rounder.

Kid Waialua, 117⅝, lost to Leo Tolentino, 121⅝, four rounds.

Johnny Ropedo, 130⅝, drew with Julian Gonzaga, 131, four rounds.

IOWA, NEBRASKA AND SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS

By BILL HAWKINS

OMAHA, NEBRASKA — Thirty-one hundred boxing fans paid $8,292.95 to see Arturo Godoy, 199½, of South America, clinch, push and maul Tex Boddie, 192, Omaha, to win a ten-round decision.

It was Boddie's second loss in 14 professional ring appearances. He never had a chance to use his favorite punch, a sharp right, as Godoy draped himself upon the tall Negro at the opening bell and remained so until the final bell.

Joe Hartfield, 161, Omaha, drew in six rounds with Melvin Brown, 160, St. Paul, Minn., in the semi-windup.

Vince Foster, 145, Omaha, won his eighth straight professional win since deserting the ranks of the simon pures. He scored his sixth kayo in a row by knocking out Roy Lewis, 140, Muncie, Indiana, policeman.

Bob Nora, 190, Cheyenne, knocked out Fred Ford, 180, Detroit, in the third.

In another of the scheduled four-rounders, Warren Corbett, 151, St. Paul, knocked out Claude Sullard, 147, Wichita, in 1:04 of the second.

Jimmie Enopia, 132, Honolulu, defeated Clayton Johnson, 127½, Sioux City, Iowa.

At Moline, Ill.—Tommy Campbell, Rock Island, decisioned Danny Robinson, Chicago, ten.

Tim Dalton, Chicago, decisioned Henry Huerta, Peoria, six.

Roland Taylor, Des Moines, and Rudy Turner, Buffalo, drew, six.

Bud Cottey, Indianapolis, knocked out Jimmy McAllister, Chicago, two.

Woody Green, Indianapolis, knocked out Ray Merritt, Chicago, one.

Last Minute Sparks—Paul A. Gray, Sr., of New Orleans, La., would like to show his star lightweight, Richard Polite, in this section. . . . Polite claims the longest K.O. record in boxing history.

Boxers and managers from this section wishing to make an eastern contact would do well if they would get in touch with George Sheppard at 768 Montgomery Street, Brooklyn, New York. . . . Howdie Dawson will promote boxing cards for the Veterans of Foreign Wars, at Waterloo, Ia., and would like to hear from boxing managers and boxers. . . . Mail will reach him care of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Club. . . . Waldo Paterson, has been named chairman of the Kansas City athletic committee at Watertown, S. D. . . . Dubuque, Ia., is on the wrestling map featuring such boys as Danny Fenelon, Marshall Estep, Joe Feroni, and others. . . . Roland Taylor, Des Moines middleweight, dropped a six-round decision to Jackie Burke of Grand Rapids, Minn. . . . at Minneapolis . . . Floyd Hayes of Omaha, sends us the following from that port:

State Boxing Commissioner, Charley Moon, announced that he has suspended two boxers for failing to report for a recent fight in Omaha. Bennie Droll, of Chicago, and Harold Alle, of St. Paul, were the fighters who were suspended indefinitely.

Wilbur DeCora and Enos Tebo, both Indian lads from Winnebago, Nebraska, have deserted the simon pures and are now fighting professionally out of Hartford, Connecticut, under the wing of Don Hamill. Enos Tebo made his pro debut a few months ago and is winning regularly. . . . Tex Boddie is giving Buddy McCrea a helping hand with his young Negro boxers at the Northside Recreation Hall, as they prepare for the coming Golden Gloves. McCrea used to be a dandy club fighter around Omaha a few years back and was named a boxing inspector by boxing commissioner Moon a few months ago.

Alex Fidler, popular referee around these parts, has been officiating in the roped arena for twenty-eight years. . . . Jack Cramer, colorful slugging middleweight from South Omaha, fought one fight after his discharge from the service and then retired. . . . The stork is hovering over the household of Tex Boddie, Omaha Negro heavyweight kayo artist. . . . Tommy Grogan and Bearcat Wright, two of the fighters that pleased the Omaha fans years ago, are in the tavern business.

Omaha, Nebraska—Rowdy Joe Dusek continued to win. He took the first fall of the main event from Gene Bowman in 26:50, with a body slam. Bowman took the second using a head scissors to catapult Dusek into the ring from the apron and held him on the canvas in 6:10.

Dusek used his educated toe to teach the former Vanderbilt grid great that he was master in 7:50 of the last fall.

Ken Fenelon took the special event from Jack Conley in 10:35.

Al Galento and South Omaha's Danny Plechas went to a draw in the preliminary. Galento's trunks were like a grab bag.

Mail will reach us at 2206 N. Lafayette, Sioux City, Iowa, and all news must be in our hands by the sixth of each month. . . . Best wishes for 1947 and I want to thank all my readers and the fellows who have helped me out every month in getting this column out.

CLEVELAND BOXING NEWS

By PHIL GOLDSTEIN

IN the feature of Ed Bang's Christmas Fund Show, Artie Levine, 165, Brooklyn, stopped Jimmy Sheppard, 166, Boston, in six rounds. Sheppard had a slight edge in the first two rounds. Artie started using a left hook with unerring accuracy in the third and before the round was over, it became apparent Sheppard would have difficulty lasting. The fifth was a troublesome rounds for Sheppard and in the intervening three minutes he took two trips to the canvas. He barely finished out the session and his handlers wisely stopped the bout before the sixth.

In the semi-final the fans witnessed 10 rounds of toe-to-toe slugging. Mike Birskovich, 157, Niles, emerged the winner over Charlie Padalino, 157, Detroit. Mike led at the beginning, lost his advantage in the fourth and fifth and then went out to win by a comfortable margin.

Carlos Chavez, 127, Los Angeles, won a close 10-rounder from Charles Cabey Lewis, 127, Brooklyn.

Bernard Docusen, 142, New Orleans, was far too good for Joe Ferrier, 143, Toronto, stopping him in the seventh. The loser was dropped four times in the sixth and three in the seventh.

In the opener, Frankie Muche, 135, Niles, won a split verdict over Leroy Koeth in a hot five-rounder.

Lee Bohles is a promising Cleveland featherweight and will be ready for the best within a year. He is capably trained by Micky Parks.

Charles Lester, continuing his winning ways, took Chicago by storm by scoring two successive kayoes.

Cleveland is now teeming with good gymnasiums. The well-known Johnny Papke has the oldest one on the east side with close to 100 boxers training regularly. The Savoy A.C. run by the personable Willard Earle is located in Cleveland's Harlem. Pat Yates and Mike Carriere are located in different parts of the Collinwood Section.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS

By J. JIMMIE AMANN

BILLY SMITH, light-heavyweight sharpshooter, stopped Billy Grant, veteran Orange, N. J., challenger, in the seventh round of a scheduled ten-round go at the Music Hall on December 2.

The Becker Brothers, Sam and Benny, promoters of the show, drew a "lemon" at the gate with a $8,143 gross of an expected $18,000.

In the supporting frays, Harry Wright was slapped to sleep by Bushy Foster; George Waver outscored Oliver Cobbins; Jimmy Wilson knocked out Larry Janke and Charlie Scott shot over a decision on Capus Benton.

Northern Kentucky Catholic High School league is fast bringing amateur boxing back with a bang in that bailiwick.

Around Fountain Square with the Punchers and Their Pilots—Ray Heling is the top booking agent around Milwaukee. . . . Joe McHone, North Carolina white heavyweight, may soon invade New York City under this writer's direction. . . . McHone is a kayo artist deluxe. . . . Curley Young, Lake Milton, O., manager, has some good fighters who might soon show hereabouts. . . . Latest to resubscribe to my monthly fight flashes service at one dollar per year is Louis Godoy, Havana promoter and manager. . . . This service can be had through Jimmie Amann, 6716 Palmetto St., Cincinnati, Ohio. . . . This address also for managers of good boys and independent fighters seeking connection in this territory and around the country. . . . Freddie Eiler of Louisville has a good light-heavy prospect in Joe Harrod.

My 1947 Guide will be ready January 15. . . . The eighth annual mimeo release will carry the name and addresses of 800 promoters and managers all over the country. . . . Subscription one buck per copy. . . . Amateur boxing trainers are asked to contact this writer.

WEST VIRGINIA NOTES

By MICKEY DAVIES

SOME very good punchers have called the Mountain State their home, including such stellar performers as Hilton Fitzpatrick, Johnny Roberts, Bob Martin, to name a few, but we are inclined to agree with many that Jimmy "Gunboat" Davis, of Charleston, is the best two-handed puncher ever developed in these parts. Since his release from the Army, the Gunner has beaten Willie Gaines and Buddy Thomas in ten, knocked out Charley Banks in six, and Gib Jones in six. Davis is rather short for a light-heavy, (5.8), but he offsets this handicap with his terrific punching power—possibly his best weapon is a left hook, but he has stopped many boys with his right hand.

Fairmount: Mose Brown, 180, Huntington, easily defeated Bearcat Jones, 190, Pittsburgh, in ten rounds. Van Penn, 142, Clairton, Pa., bested Tommy Saunders, 147, Fairmont, 6; Sammy Mastrean, 140, Pittsburgh, decisioned Al Ingram, 137, Louisville, 6; Harry Wright, 138, kayoed Howard Blue, 133, 3.

A star-studded program, featuring three ten rounders, was offered the fistic folk in Huntington by the Sheppard-Pogue-Deutsch combine. Charley Banks, 174, Cincinnati, stopped Tommy Baynes, 182, Philadelphia, in the third heat with a sizzling left hook; Lloyd Gibson, 166. Cincinnati, won a one-sided verdict from Walter "Speedy" Duval, 162, Philadelphia.

Art Brownie, 170, Cincinnati, boxing his first ten rounder, proved too much of a target for Elton Evans, 173, Philadelphia, who won handily. Evans was credited with winning seven of the ten rounds.

Less Huffman came in from Columbus, O., to show his charge, Willie Russell, against Larry Thomas of Philadelphia. Thomas proved no match for the lethal-fisted Buckeye clouter, who starched him away in round number three. Russell weighed 136; Thomas, 130½. The semi-windup proved to be a real alley scrap, with contestants Sherm Washington, 175, and Max Thompson, 172, battling to a standstill. Tommy Saunders bested Frankie Malone in six. These boys are welterweights. Jack Taylor stopped Al Ingram in the third heat of a scheduled six.

Gunboat Davis, 173, punching with atomic power, slammed Buddy Thomas, 175, all over the ring at Radio Center, Huntington, to win ten straight rounds. Sterling Willey, 137, knocked out George Hairston, 140, 3; Max Thompson, 168, decisioned Sherm Washington, 175, 6; Jack Taylor, 132, iced Frankie Malone, 134. 6.

WITH THE VIRGINIA PUGILISTS

By DAVID HARTMAN

THE Tidewater Boxing Club, Inc., with Jack Levinson as matchmaker, has had three fight programs to date. Since the writer never received any information on the first two, he will have to give the results of the third show.

November 14 (Tidewater Boxing Club), Norfolk, Va. . . . Danny Petro, a belting boy from Washington, D. C., dropped a split decision to game Angelo Rodgers of Wilmington, Del., in the feature attraction of six rounds. Rodgers fathomed Petro's southpaw style of fighting.

In the four-round semi-windup, O'Neil Shannon, Newport News, Va., Negro light-heavy, captured the fancy of the fans in his win over George Briscoe, Washington, D. C. Shannon possesses crowd appeal, and with the proper managerial handling, can go places.

HOOKS AND JABS—Matchmaker Jackie Levinson plans to have another all-star card on January 16th, the date of his next show. . . . The writer's column won't appear in the next issue of THE RING, as he is being transferred temporarily by the Federal Government to Maxton, N. C. . . . However, all mail should be addressed to 511 N. 1st Street, Charlottesville, Va., and will be forwarded to the writer.

BOXING IN PUERTO RICO

By JAIME TARONJI

KID DINAMITE, 21 years old puncher from the Dominican Republic with dynamite in his fists, made Dan Calcaño of Puerto Rico his sixtieth victim as a professional fighter in a 10 round encounter at the Sixto Escobar Stadium in San Juan on November 20. Up to the ninth round, the Kid had blockaded Calcaño's defense and the turning point came about in the same round when the Dominican met the Puerto Rican with a bombardment of lefts and rights, making Referee Siso Lizardi intervene and stop the fight.

Seeing is believing. Have you seen a knocked-out fighter get up and win a fight? Well, that was what really happened in the semi-final of the Dinamite-Calcaño fight the same night. Close to the end of the third round of a fight slated to go six between Bienvenido Melendez and Carlos Stevens, both from Puerto Rico. Stevens caught Melendez with a solid right to the jaw. Melendez went down knocked out cold.

When Referee Lizardi had counted three the bell saved Melendez, who was bleeding profusely through the nose. When the bell rang for the fourth round, the seconds had worked marvels on Melendez. He breathed plenty of fresh air and engaged in a savage exchange of blows never seen at the Sixto Escobar Stadium. At the end of the sixth round both fighters were given a great ovation and, you guessed it, Melendez won the unanimous decision.

AKRON, OHIO, BOXING
By TOMMY MAXWELL

EACH club here offered two shows this past month. Every bout produced a lot of action and an increase in patronage was in evidence as a result. In the first show of the month, Walter Moore offered Willie Russell, classy Columbus, O. lightweight, against veteran Joey Perrone of Cleveland. Russell was down himself in the third round but put the stopper on Joey in the fifth. In the semi-final Eddie Elton, Akron's socking middleweight, had easy sailing against Curly Denton of Cincinnati, O. He floored the Cincy veteran for two nine counts. This was an eight rounder. In the prelims, Mel Reed stopped Jackie Evans in three rounds, Roy Crews of Ellwood City, Pa., won over Dan Pinto of Columbus in six and Bill Grumbecker of Youngstown won over Willie Williams in six tough, rough rounds.

In the second show Bob Heath and Johnny Hannison showed Johnny Green of Buffalo, N. Y., against Jerome Frazier of New York City, N. Y. Frazier carried off the decision. Jimmy Sanders, former Niles, O., welter now booking out of Akron, decisioned Lalu Berezeo of Youngstown, O., in a great slugfest. Berezeo had Sanders down for one count of nine. Tommy Mingini of Cleveland won the nod over Cowboy Gene Brinks of Tulsa, Okla., in six and Moe Harvey, Niles, O., won over Bobby Root, Cleveland, O. In the other bout Johnny Chatman beat Jim Parshay of Detroit.

Moore, in his second show of the month, featured three eight rounders. In the top event, Sammy Burch, Cincinnati cutie, upset the dope by winning over Dave Marsh of Akron. Burch won the right to fight for the championship belt by getting a big jump on Marsh in the early rounds. The writer would like to know where Willie Russell fits into the Belt Question.

Hart belted out Roy Lewis, Muncie, Ind., policeman, in two rounds. Eddie Elton continued his winning ways with a close win over clever Chris Tabor of Youngstown, O. Freddie Bernhardt met a tartar in Jackie Taylor of Columbus, O. Dan Kelly, Cleveland light-heavy, lost to Sherman Washington of Columbus, O. It was a great show from start to finish. A big increase in attendance helped a lot, too.

In the Heath-Hannison second offering, Tippy Larkin, world's junior welter champ, had an easy time of it with Tommy Mills of Valley Stream, N. Y., stopping Mills in the fourth round. In the semi-final, Jimmy Sanders won again, stopping Tony Mancuso in eight rounds. In the five round bouts. Johnny Chatman K.O.'ed Billy Flowers of Scranton, Pa., Joe Kezele, Diamond, O., decisioned Vince Lanese of Cleveland and Leroy Koeth of the Lake City won over Charley Wright of Pittsburgh, Pa. There was plenty of action with little Joe Kezele furnishing most of it.

Looks like Akron will be coming up with some good new pro. boys after the Golden Gloves shows.

Akron has come up with another great prospect in the heavy ranks in GRADY WELCH. Grady, a six foot, one hundred and eighty pounder, looks like a real comer. He is being handled by Chet Smallwood, great lightweight of a few years ago, and your writer. Both Smallwood and myself feel we have one of the finest prospects in the game in this boy. Another comer recently signed is BABE MEDWICK, a light-heavy. Medwick has not as yet turned pro. but will be ready for the money boys before long.

Charlie Riggs, Akron, O., and McKeesport, heavyweight, after a brilliant start around here has left for the coast. Riggs is a pleasing fighter and should be fighting the best soon. Good luck, Charlie.

Akron was honored by a visit from New York's famous referee, Eddie Joseph. Eddie gave Akron fans a chance to see him work by refereeing the semi-final of the Larkin-Mills show. While on the subject of referees, Akron's veteran, Eddie Atlas, will soon hit the 5,000 mark in number of bouts worked. Atlas is one of the best. Another boy here who is doing O.K. is the likeable Tony Chudick.

At Youngstown, O., Al Zill is bringing the game back in great style. His recent Tony Genaro-Felix Moreles offering packed them in.

Canton, O., is getting a new boxing promoter in Larry Marthey. Marthey expects to put Canton back on the map in a fistic way.

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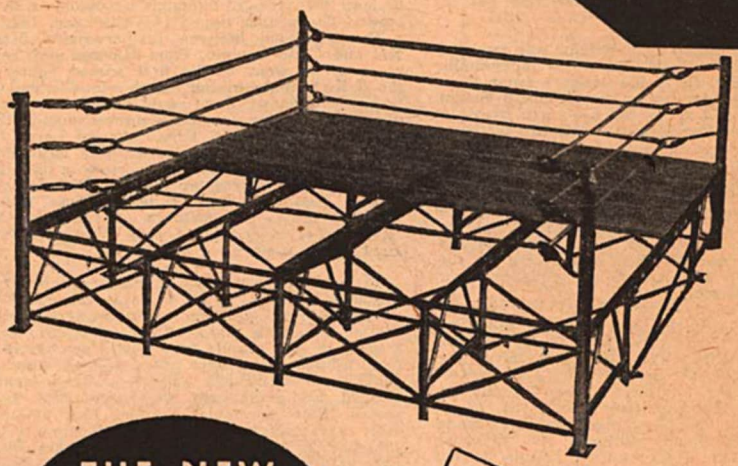

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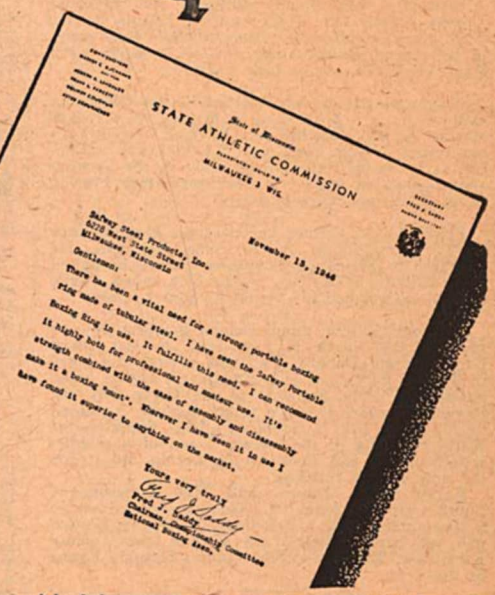
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UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES

By TOM EPHREM

DAVE MEREDITH, West Palm Beach welter, found Jack Larrimore of Miami an easy victim as he pounded out a ten-round decision over the veteran Magic City mittman at Promoter Dave White's Civic Center Arena in Miami on October 30. Meredith used a steady two-fisted attack from beginning to end.

In the co-feature, Jerry Berthiaume, 181, Montreal, Canada, needed only two rounds to halt Branco Valdes, 187, of Tampa, in a heavyweight meet. Tony Mancuso, also of Montreal, weighing 149, took a four-rounder from Jerry Dwain, 143, Norfolk. Curly Nichols, 134, now of Miami Beach, was a 6-round winner over Baby Joe Diaz, 131, of Tampa. Steve Sabatino, 153, Brooklyn, stopped Johnny Decker, 156, Miami, in the fourth. Gene Ouimet, 143, another Montrealer, and Mel Frisco, 139, New York City, had their bout called a no-contest when the latter slipped and went out of the ropes.

Red Cameron, Miami heavyweight, was awarded a 10-round nod over Wade Chancey, a Jacksonville youngster, in their tilt in the winner's home town in Miami. Another ten heater saw Humberto Sierra decision Manolo Kid to end the Kid's win streak in the Magic City of four straight. Both are feathers.

Chico Morales, Tampa featherweight at 123, won on a foul in the ninth round from Jimmy Kidd Hatcher, 142, Sarasota, in the featured bout at Sarasota on November 11. Chico was ahead at the time. Hatcher had twice fouled his man and the referee called a halt when Hatcher pushed his opponent down and hit him while there in the ninth. The fight was one of the roughest ever seen in a Florida ring.

In the semi-spot, Baby Chino, 136, kayoed Johnny Davis, 135, in the third heat. The following week, November 18th at Sarasota, Gene Ouimet, 142, a blond southpaw from Canada received the big hand by holding the much heavier and favorite Johnny Dupree, 164, to a draw in their 10-rounder. Baby Joe Diaz, 128, beat Joey Smith, 133, in an eighter. They put up a great fight and Diaz made a distinctive hit. Blondy Baggett, 128, defeated Johnny Davis, 135, a six-rounder. Johnny North, good going middleweight, kayoed Bob Rodriguez, in the second round. Austin Waters, 148, defeated Ray Hake, 143, in the four spotter.

In our sketch on Vince Gambill, the Oklahoma welter who is a great card in Miami, we erred in stating he was knocked out by Hal Meredith in one round. It was Vince who did the heavy walloping as he stopped the Georgia boy in the opening round down in Miami for his successful Florida debut. With apologies to Vince.

Fritzie Zivic, former welterweight king, is once more tagging along on the come-back trail. He appeared in Memphis, Tennessee, where he halted Russ Wilhite, a local boy in the fifth round. Zivic, at 146, outweighed his victim by four pounds.

The outstanding middleweight prospect in our part of the South is Lee Sala, a neat boxer puncher from Donora, Pa., now making his home in Tampa, Florida. Lee is undefeated and is being handled by Pete Andrews of the Cigar City. In Savannah, where Lee is a prime favorite, he added to his kayo list by stopping Babe Saunders of North Carolina in the second round of a middleweight go. A left hook to the button did it for the new Tampa resident.

Larry Lynn, Tampa, and Mel Cameron, of South Carolina, fought a hard bout to a draw in a six-rounder. Both are welters. Al Young, Savannah, was hard pressed to gain a sixer from Tommy Kilpatrick. Tony DeAngelo stopped Frankie Evans in the first.

On the same card that featured Fritzie Zivic and Russell Wilhite in Memphis, Art Price stopped Tony Ancona of Detroit in the tenth heat with both boys coming in at 137 apiece.

Boxing down South is riding high. Never before has the popularity of boxing been as great as it is today. We hear from Leo Matriciani, Baltimore heavyweight, who served in the ETO and acted as chief sparmate for Billy Conn. It is good to report that likable Leo is now under the Max Waxman banner in New York where the Baltimore boy will do his scrapping.

Jack Brazeille, Jacksonville middleweight, had too much savvy in his left jab and thereby earned a ten-rounder from Johnny Breitenbruck, Parris Island Marine, before a Savannah gathering. In the semi, Oliver Hamm stretched Tommy Peavie, Jacksonville, for the full count in the second chapter. They are welters. Tony DeAngelo triumphed over Ralph Trudell in the four-rounder. Laverne (Danny) Brazeille took a good fight from Harry Hamilton in another four spotter. Willie Lyner won in four rounds from Jimmy Edwards, Negro lads, in another hot bout.

Promoter Buster White, sole promoter in Savannah, brought back the ever popular Tampa middleweight, Lee Sala, and again the classy Lee demonstrated his punch. The latest to go the short way, via the T.K.O. route was Frankie O'Hare. Sala had O'Hare down four times before the referee wisely halted the scrap in the fifth.

Best fight of the night was the Orlando Fernandez-Dickie Mullen go, a six-round semi. Orlando won in an excellent fight that saw both boys hit the deck. Fernandez at 122; Mullen, 119. Tony DeAngelo stopped Jackie Willis in the second of their bout, while Laverne (Danny) Brazeille stopped Don Rogers in a lightweight go. The ref stopped it in the first. Willie Lyner, 134, and Jerry Leonard, same weight, battled six rounds evenly.

One of the best followers of boxing in Lancaster, Penn., is Max Hoffman, of 702 Poplar Street, and incidentally a close pal of your humble correspondent. He is a dyed-in-the-wool fight fan.

In a close contest, Clyde "Flash" Gordon won over Rene Cantero, of Tampa, to reach the semi-finals of Promoter Dave White's Southern Welterweight Title Tourney at Miami. Cantero fought cleverly and kept out of Gordon's powerhouse punches which have been felling opponents of late. However, Clyde still possessed enough moxie to land the victory, although unpopular with the crowd. The winner tipped 141, the loser, 142.

The semi-final between featherweights Manolo Kid and Chile Cantero, from Havana and Tampa respectively, went to the first named fighter via the T.K.O. route in the eighth round when Cantero, a brother of Rene could not go out for the mentioned chapter due to an injured maulie. Each tipped 125 apiece. Mel Frisco stopped Larry Henson, both welters, in round two of a local match. Jack Patton, local middleweight, took a sixer from Ralph Kaplan, a Brooklyn product. Dick Lee, 146, Miami youth, stopped Billy Grimm, 140, of Owassa, Mich. (no mention of rounds). Curly Nichols, 131½, decisioned Joey Wasnick, 134, of Hartford, in a sixer.

In an all knockout card at Savannah, boxers on Promoter Buster White's card celebrated the Armistice Day program with fireworks. Elmer Smith, Savannah middleweight youngster, scored a kayo in two rounds over Mel Cameron in the feature bout. The winner tipped 150, the loser 146. Johnny Breitenbruck, Parris Island marine, stopped Eddie Sherman of Jacksonville in the second. Both are middleweights. Jack Lisle, another Savannah lad, 142, kayoed Tommy Peavie, Jacksonville, in the opening round. Mickey Hogan, 137, of St. Augustine, stopped Sammy Reid in the third heat of their go. The loser weighed the same. Harry Harvey, 120, stopped Richard Beck, 118, in the first.

Lee Sala, 156, T.K.O.'ed Johnny Decker in the fourth round at Savannah to keep his slate clean. The Tampa boy hasn't been beaten or held to a draw since he turned professional under Pete Andrews. The local Savannah youngster, Elmer Smith, kept his winning streak intact by halting Larry Lynn, of Tampa, in the third heat. Smith, at 150, was heavier by two pounds.

Harry Harvey had too many guns for Danny Ruiz, of Tampa. Each weighed 120 apiece. Al Young, 148, flattened Bobby O'Brien, 145, in the second chapter. A Negro bout saw Silent Stafford, 134, decision Johnny Blackfoot, 140, in a good fight.

Homer Garlin, Lancaster, and Mount Joy, Penn., boxer, is back in Miami. He fights under the name of Joey Davis in the lightweight ranks.

Eddie Stout, 130-pounder from Oklahoma, won in ten rounds over Jackie Blount, 130, Jacksonville, in the main event at Charleston, S. C. Stout staged a rally that earned him the victory in the closing rounds. Blount took the play away in the initial part of the fracas but fell by the wayside as Stout began carrying the fight to Jackie.

Johnny Carroll, 141, Jacksonville, was ahead in his fight with Wade Allison, 142, and received a T.K.O. in the sixth heat as he outpunched the loser, the referee stopping it. Doc Deneaux, Charleston welter, and Billy Dixon, Macon lad, put up a hot fight for three rounds before Doc spilled Billy for the full count. Harry Harvey took Freddie Wiggins into camp with a four-round win between bantamweights. Sailor Don Rogers, welterweight, got a three-round T.K.O. over Judd Stainbrook in the opening bout.

Nat Fleischer, THE RING Editor, brought his fight film "Kings of the Ring" down South to Charleston and Savannah and made a terrific hit. Both promoters, Ed Reilly, of Charleston, and Buster White, Jr., of Savannah, informed me of the great interest furnished through the film. "A swell fellow," both said. "Boxing couldn't have a better friend."

Herbie "Biff" Jones, young Virginia featherweight with heaps of promise, gave Jimmy McAllister, of Baltimore, a beating, upsetting the Negro fighter who had held great little Willie Pep, the Champ, to a ten-round draw a few months back. Not only did McAllister take a beating but so did the pricemakers who placed Jones on the bottom end of 4 to 1. Jones also decisioned Jimmy Sulla, of Philadelphia, in a Norfolk ring on October 17th, a six-round mainer.

Vince Gambill, the Oklahoma welter belter, has a great liking for Miami's sunny clime, his favorite fistic hunt spot. Vince has taken the measure of every opponent sent out after him, excepting one, Juan Villalba, of Cuba.

Jerry Coursol (Billy Moore), trekked to New Orleans to combat Howell Stein, but he lost an eight-round decision to the latter. Tommy Kiene, former Savannah bantamweight, writes there should be a correction regarding Orlando Fernandez, of Tampa, as the new Southern bantam champ (mythical) through Orlando's triumph over Joey Puig, a bout that took place a few months ago. Tommy's claim is that he is still holder of the Dixie title, having scored a three-round knockout over Puig in their last mix-up, and through a 10-round triumph over Fernandez some months back. Kiene also stated that he is probably through with his boxing career.

Vince Gambill, Oklahoma welterweight, punched Irish Johnny Taylor at will and lengthened his win column with a six-round T.K.O. in Miami. Gambill had Taylor down a total of four times before Referee Eddie Coachman stopped it, with Taylor on the outside apron of the ring. Knute Baker, 143½, stopped Rolando Munsel, 150, Havana in the fourth. Johnny Green knocked out Carlos Santos in two (154 and 145 pounds, respectively). Joe Gibbs, 149, won a four-rounder from Johnny Knapp, 154. Baby Zamarappa, 129½, stopped Johnny Dyson, 135½, in round four.

Hal Meredith took Charleston by storm as he administered a beating to Eddie Kiernan in the South Carolina city in a ten-rounder. The welter put up a good fight from start to finish. The six-round semi saw Dickie Mullen, 118, snatch the decision from Kid Bailey, 116. Doc Deneaux, local welter, won a close six-rounder from Billy Dixon in a gruelling scrap. Sailor Don Rogers, a welter was too much for John L. Meeks, taking a T.K.O. victory in three rounds. Pete Matson, Charleston middleweight, kayoed Red Parks in the fourth heat of a bout that saw both men hit the deck during the tilt.

Clarence "Cotton" King, West Palm Beach welterweight, decisioned Juan Villalba, Cuban importation, in ten rounds at Miami. During the third heat, fans saw extra action when Villalba tried to rake King's eyes with the back of his gloves.

Clarence retaliated by trying to trip Juan but the referee got to each. Knute Baker kayoed Johnny Green in the second round. Both welters. Baby Zamarappa stopped Mickey Hogan in the second also. Both lighties. Frank Fernley won a sixer from Bobby Fuller in a lightweight go. Jim Bruton stopped Sidney Selip in the fourth round of a featherweight match.

Vince Gambill not only possesses a fine left hand but when it comes to a showdown the Oklahoman can depend on a powerful, dynamic right to act in its own capacity, as it did against game West Palm Beacher, Dave Meredith. Gambill and Meredith tangled in Promoter Dave White's Civic Center Arena before a strong throng of 3,000 happy fans at Miami and Gambill won by a T.K.O. in the fifth round.

Rough-house Ralph Callutti, Miami welter, was back tossing leather after an absence of several months and fought Tony Rios, 148-pounder from West Palm Beach in a ten-round semi. Ralph outmauled Tony to gain the nod. Curly Nichols, 132, Miami Beach, faced 135-pound Joey Wasnick of New Haven in an eighter but Curly had the best of his opponent to take a six-round T.K.O. A cut left optic caused Joey Smith, Jacksonville lightie, to stop in the sixth heat in his tangle with Romeo Ouimet, Montreal. Jackie Hogan, 135, won the six-rounder from Bobby Fuller, 141, while Billy Grimm, 139, defeated Tony Rossi in their meet.

Boxing notes for this corner will be gladly welcomed. Please send dates and results of all fights. Fighters who would like to show in Florida and not under contract will do well in contacting your humble penner. Please write Tom Ephrem, 401 West Ninth Street, Jacksonville, Florida.

Plunk Mooring, of Wilmington, N. C., tells about a 128-pounder who is doing good in fisticuffs. The youngster is Glenn Sasser, a localite. Glenn has won 21 fights and drew in three others, losing none. Floyd Shiflett, blond Georgia lightweight, defeated Gene Carlisle in Charlotte, N. C., and both boys put up a grand fight. Lew Price, the publicity man for Promoter Dave White boxing shows down Miami way, writes that Al Nettlow, former star welterweight, has bought the contract of Roughhouse Ralph Callutti from Doc Bradley. Ralph is a welter. Homer Garlin, boxing as Joey Davis in Miami, fought his first pro bout in some months and won over Frankie Fernley at the Civic Center Arena in a sixer. Homer, from Mount Joy, Pa., is a lightweight.

Guard Wyatt, Spartanburg heavyweight, kayoed Kid Cekovic, Pittsburgh, Pa., in the fourth canto of a good battle in the winner's home town, Spartanburg, S. C., while in the semi-sixer, Mel Cameron, welterweight, won from Earl Kesterson, ex-marine, in a close battle. In the prelims, Sammy Reid, 137, decisioned Doc Campbell, 135, and Alberto Olivias, 137, stopped Lefty Guy in round three. In a special sixer, promising Eddie Stout stopped Freddie Devens, 134, in three. Since coming to Spartanburg from Oklahoma, young Stout has registered three wins in as many times up, and best of his triumphs and what should boost his stock is the good win over Jackie Blount, a capable Jacksonville youngster.

Jerry Coursol, or Billy Moore, he's the same

fellow, convinced Billy Petersen, the Billings welter belter, that a boxer can tame a slugger, especially after chalking up three in a row over the Montanan. Coursol, a neat boxing young chap with plenty of science, took everything the Westerner could offer with his mitts and in addition a number of head butts, and he came right back with his own fireworks to pile up points galore and take the nod after ten rounds at the Civic Center Arena. Coursol tipped 142, and Petersen 144½.

Roy Evans, the Tampa middleweight, who resembles Billy Conn, came back from his Northern invasion to gain a victory in a 10-rounder over Steve Sabatino, a Brooklyn scrapper, whose gameness couldn't be questioned. Roy put Steve down in the fourth. Evans at 162, and Sabatino at 151.

In the main six-heater, Jack Patton, local 160-pounder, was the better punch thrower in his fight with Irving Marcus, and Patton took the duke. Marcus weighed 162. Jimmy Dodd, weighing 212½, beat Frankie Santora, 180, West Palm Beach lad, in a very excellent six-rounder. Dodd is from California. Tony Mancuso, 147, Montreal, was the better man in his tilt with Dick Lee, 143, of Miami. Mancuso earned it in a six-rounder. Jerry Dwain, 142, Miami, bested Mel Price, 140, Miami Beach boxer, in the opener, a four-rounder. Dave White was the promoter.

Bi-monthly shows will take place in Norfolk during the month this issue comes out of press, with Jack Levinson at the matchmaking helm. The club will feature six-bout cards—three sixers and three fours.

Humberto Sierra, Cuban featherweight, was a knockout winner over Woody Woodcock of Charleston in the sixth round at Miami. Sierra began his work after the second round, scoring three downs in all until the end. Knute Baker, welterweight from Indiana, knocked out Johnny Green. Baby Joe Diaz. Tampa featherweight mixer, needed two rounds to dust off Lawrence Hitson, 135, Orlando. Jimmy Bruton, 125, won in six over Nick Decker, 121, and Mike Gonzales, 139½, Tampa, took a six-round decision from Carlos Santom, 142, Mexico City.

Jackie Blount, crowd pleasing 130-pounder from Jacksonville, the best around the Florida city, is back in action after removal of his tonsils. Blount lost several close squeaks against steady fighting opponents, but showed he was about back to his old-time form. Just a youngster still in senior high school, Jackie is a swell card in this area of the South. His stablemate, 145-pound Johnny Carroll (formerly Jackie Carroll), is another good prospect and both boys should develop within the next several years as top timber. Carroll is a neat little boxer, while Blount likewise can box, but rather prefers to display his punch. Manager Biff Holstein has two swell prospects in them.

Morris Miner, former Daytona and Jacksonville fight manager and trainer, well known to Southern fight circles, died in Jacksonville recently.

IN INDIANAPOLIS RINGS
By ANTHONY COPPI

WILLARD REED, Indiana's heavyweight champion, who had been inactive in pro boxing circles for six months, successfully defended his fistic crown by winning a close decision over Johnny Denson, Indianapolis, at the local Armory. This was a third meeting between the two local belters, who set a torrid pace during the ten-round milling. Reed has won two with Denson taking one decision.

Allen Small, Elwood (Ind.) heavyweight, outboxed Dan (Hair) Raisor of Indianapolis to annex the semi-windup after six rounds of blistering action.

Another six-round heavyweight mill resulted in a decision for Lee Carter of Indianapolis over Billy Sullivan, Chicago.

In four-round bouts Jesse Johnson decisioned Jim Chaney in a skirmish between local welterweights, and Woddy Green outfought Herb Jones, both local heavies.

Bob Beamon, Indianapolis belter, won the Indiana lightweight crown from Jimmy Joyce of Gary in a ten-round bout at Michigan City (Ind.) during the month. This was Joyce's first defense of his title which he earned by beating Roy Lewis a few weeks previously.

Bob Simmons, local welterweight, was held to a draw in ten rounds by Jimmy Sherrer of Milwaukee in one of the best bouts seen here in many months at the Armory. The 147-pounders were fast with their mitts, fought a bruising battle and on the whole convinced the paying audience that they expect to go places in the welterweight ranks.

Tommy Byron, Indianapolis light-heavy, a southpaw slugger, stiffened Elmer Holt, Bloomington, Ill., in the second round. Referee Dick Patton stopped the bout after the potent punching Byron had dropped Holt seven times.

Other results: Ernie Derho, 146, Mishawaka, chilled Johnny Jordan, 146, Chicago, in the third round. Buster Miles, 147, Indianapolis, decisioned Tiger Kiggans, 150, Indianapolis, in five rounds and Gene McGovern, Granite City, Ill., outpointed Jesse Johnson, 147, Indianapolis, in four.

Gene Jackson, local fight mentor and Kelse McClure, former local promoter, have opened a new gym here. The spacious swatorium has two rings and is located in downtown Indianapolis, at 20½ Kentucky Ave. Dan (Hair) Raisor, dynamite-fisted heavyweight, along with several other promising mitt-tossers are being groomed at the Jackson Gym.

Al Johnson, state light-heavyweight champion, banged his way to his 11th straight win here with Gib Jones of Cincinnati as the victim in a fourth round T.K.O. at the Armory. Referee Lou Thomas stopped the fight in the fourth.

Billy Sullivan, 186, Chicago, and Dan Raisor, 183, Indianapolis, engaged in a "pier-six" brawl with honors even in the six-round semi-windup.

Prelims: Jack Beatty of Cincinnati earned a slender verdict over Johnny Crane, Chicago, in six rounds. Beatty weighed in at 159, Crane 153.

Wally Rose, Chicago welterweight, and Willie Andrews of Indianapolis fought to a five-round draw and Woddy Green knocked out Johnny Bryant in the first round opener. Green and Bryant are local light-heavies.

Bob McAdams, Indianapolis' outstanding amateur welterweight, will desert the simon-pure ranks to enter professional boxing.

Sparky Reynolds, Indianapolis welterweight, earned a close decision over Herschel Joiner, shifty Cincinnati Negro in an exciting ten-round brawl at the local Armory. Reynolds carried a lethal punch in an overhand right with which he dropped Joiner in the fourth and tenth rounds to carry him to a victory over the more aggressive Queen City belter.

Whitman Burress, 143, Cincinnati, won over Willie Andrews, 149, Indianapolis, in five rounds. Allen Small, 177, Elwood, outpointed Elmer Holt, 170, Bloomington, Ill., in the eight-round semi-windup. Sid Peak, 207, Louisville, knocked out Roberto Solomito, 191, Chicago, in 24 seconds of the second round. Bob Caine, 161, Indianapolis, and Dick Satterfield, also local, drew in four rounds.

Ring Scraps: Pinkie George and Ray Arcel, two native born Hoosiers are doing well in the lands of fistiana. Arcel is a well-known fight trainer and second owning a popular restaurant in New York, while George is a fight promoter in Des Moines, Iowa. George hails from Muncie and Arcel was born in Terre Haute.

When Ernie Derho, Mishwaukee (Ind.) welterweight, who was a combat paratrooper in the E.T.O. and who survived a deep leg wound in action, steps into a ring he is seconded by his wife, the only licensed lady second in the Middlewest.

DENVER AND VICINITY
By W. G. (BILL) THOMAS, JR.

ARTURO GODOY, the South American Heavyweight Champion, knocked out Buddy Knox in the first round of their bout here on December 5. Godoy uncorked a short right that knocked the Dayton, Ohio, heavy colder than a mackerel. The bout last 56 seconds and the boxing commission officials suspended Buddy for six months for "not trying."

The backup card was the best seen here in months. In the six-round semi-final, Sterling Ingram got the decision over Joe McFadden. Nick Tulli knocked out Kid Bennett in the first round. Jimmy Quintana kayoed Shifty Gardner, Topeka, Kansas, in the third. In fours, Johnny Jarvis knocked out Bobby Hicks in the second. Pete Vigil knocked out Harold Wilson in the second and the "Ace of Spades" decisioned Dick Weinhold.

At Grand Junction Promoter Keith Buckley presented Western Slope Fight Fans with a good professional boxing show. Johnny Jarvis stopped Ernie Lopez in the third round in the feature. Promoter Buckley promoted a three-day A.A.U. tournament on December 16, 17 and 18.

Whitie Bolten, veteran Colorado Springs handler, is matchmaker for small clubs running in Pueblo and Colorado Springs. The first show presented November 21 at the Pueblo Steel Y.M.C.A. was a big success.

The Diamond Gloves Amateur Tournament held at the Rollordrome Arena in North Denver was a big success despite the worst snowstorm in Denver's history. The four-day meet provided Denver fight fans with some of the best amateur boxing ever seen here. The three standout fighters of the tourney were Corky Gonzales, bantamweight, Pete Vigil, lightweight, both veteran amateur campaigners, and James Pierce, novice middleweight.

Due to the lack of continuity of boxing shows here some of Denver's better boxers have been spending more time on the road than in Denver. Joe Danos won over Reuben Myer in Omaha and knocked out Jackie Wilson in the sixth at Topeka. Ted Garcia fought twice in Galveston. In the first bout he knocked out Jack Ryan and then was stopped by Lew Jenkins in the ninth round two weeks later. James J. Cox is keeping busy in Houston. Sterling Ingram, hard-hitting Denver heavyweight, is training seriously and showed on the Godoy-Knox card that he will be plenty tough if he ever gets in top condition.

Colorado's local boxing magazine, *The Boxing Beacon*, is plugging very hard for an amateur boxing league for the state and is meeting with some success. Amateur teams are now being formed in Colorado Springs, Pueblo, Trinidad, Grand Junction, Ft. Morgan, Brighton, Sterling, Cheyenne, Wyoming and of course Denver.

For information concerning boxing or boxers in the state of Colorado, contact the writer at 1129 15th St., Denver, Colo., or phone KEystone 9230.

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TAMPA AND VICINITY
By VELASQUES

DAN GOOD, local sportsman and business man, has succeeded Floyd Golden as promoter for the American Legion. Promoter Sallade has decided to give his full time to wrestling and this leaves Dan Good clear sailing as far as boxing is concerned at the auditorium.

The only show put on in several weeks was a rematch between Pee Wee Flores and Baby Zamaripa, and again Flores went down to defeat via the kayo route in the seventh round. In the third Flores twice rocked Zamaripa, but the Mexican kept boring in and showed no sign of pain. From then on Flores faded fast and was floored in the next three rounds. Young Chino Alvarez, came back after a long layoff to trounce Tommy Murray, Canada, in the feature ten-rounder. . . . K.O. Drummond of Jacksonville provided the biggest surprise of the evening when he stopped the tough Cuban, Raul Moran, in two rounds. Blondy Baggett continued his winning streak by stopping Rollie Renaud, Canada, in the sixth round. Mike Gonzalez knocked out Austin Waters in the final round of a four-round opener.

Elmer Ray, the Hastings Kid, added Cliff Mann to his long list of knockouts by stopping him in two rounds.

Clarence Cotton King, Miami, was knocked out in six rounds by Paulino Montes, Mexico, at San Antonio, Texas. King was dropped for nine counts in the fourth and fifth rounds before going down for keeps in 2:59 of the sixth.

Out of state results . . . Johnny Thomas, Ft. Lauderdale, won from Johnny Colan in ten rounds. Bobby Williams, Miami, dropped a ten-rounder to Lulu Costantino, Paul Ferguson, Charlotte, N. C., subbing for Jack Larrimore, was stopped in three rounds by Chuck Taylor. Johnny Dabbs, Memphis, recently won the Southern welter title from Buddy Holderfield at Hot Springs, Ark. Joe Legon put an end to the winning streak of Jose Garcia Alvarez, in winning a ten-rounder at Havana. Buster Tyler, West Palm Beach, dropped a ten-rounder to Charley Millan. Juan Serrano was beaten by Clem Fitzpatrick. Kid Gavilan defeated Johnny Williams in a ten-rounder at New York.

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NEWS FROM THE CITY OF BALTIMORE
By DAVE KREUTER

IF Joe Louis says okay, Baltimore will see its first heavyweight championship fight next May with Curtis Sheppard supplying the opposition.

On November 15 a body of Baltimoreans, led by Tom McDonagh, Chairman of the Maryland State Athletic Commission, and Rodger Pippen, sports editor of a Baltimore newspaper and spokesman for the group, presented their case before Mike Jacobs at his New York office. They pointed out the fact that Baltimore is one of the greatest sport towns in the entire country with a stadium able to hold 80,000 people for the bout. They also stated that the "Hatchetman" is one of the leading contenders for the crown. Jacobs okayed the proposition and said it was strictly up to the "Champ". It is understood that Mike will be the sole promoter.

Sheppard is under the management of Max Waxman who has handled such greats as Vince and Joe Dundee and Harry Jeffra. Curtis is the most colorful fighter seen here in a great many years. He has been the top drawing card for the Century Athletic Club since he first appeared here. He has terrific power in both hands and makes great use of it as all of his opponents can attest.

At the Century A. C. on November 18, Buddy Walker looked like the "Buddy Walker of old" as he knocked out Johnny Shkor, local boy fighting out of Boston, in the final round of a ten-round bout. It wasn't the knockout so much that impressed the throng, but, rather, the cagy way in which the Columbus Negro stopped his heavier opponent, 217½ to 202½. In the first round Shkor sent three right hands to Buddy's jaw; but if Walker is supposed to possess a "glass jaw", he certainly didn't show it as he easily survived that session. After that it was all Walker's.

The knockout was a fitting climax to a stirring triumph for a great veteran of the ring wars. It came after two minutes had elapsed in the final stanza. It was the first time in his ring career that Shkor had met defeat via the knockout route.

In sixes, Al Edwards and Chappie Manning took unanimous decisions from their respective opponents, Charley Crump and Leon Zumurski. Mose Thomas, back in the local picture after more than a year's absence, got off to a good start with a unanimous nod over King Kong.

In fours, Johnny Caster got off the floor to get the verdict over Charley Dominic while Tony Longo and Joe Camarata fought to a draw.

The newly formed Garden Athletic Club with Jack Portney as promoter and yours truly as matchmaker, got off to a flying start when they presented Bert Lytell, of Fresno, and Deacon Johnny Brown in the main go of eight rounds. Brown, besides the fact that he was taking on a tough customer, was also giving his entire purse to the Negro Disabled War Veterans. Johnny was the winner of a previous bout by a T.K.O. in the third when Lytell suffered a cut eye, but this night was a different night and Lytell went out and won from Johnny easily. In sixes, Vince DiVenti, undefeated in his pro career, took the measure of Jimmy Howard in a fast bout for big men, and in the semi of six, Angelo Rogers, of San Jose, Cal., took on Leslie Harris of this city. Angelo won a majority duke over Harris. In fours, the show opened up with Ray Klingmeyer winning unanimously over John Cunningham in a slam-bang affair. Joe Poodles won his 11th straight when he took Jimmy Fox into camp in another torrid battle and Terry Moore met John Littlejohn with Terry being declared the winner. Terry Moore was also awarded the gift prize, given to the best fighter of the night, in the opinion of the fans.

The Garden A. C. showed Howard Bennett, of this city, and Solly Zalter, of Montreal, in the feature event of eight rounds and Bennett survived an eight-count knockdown to come on to win the duke over the ever-trying Canadian.

In sixes, Joey Longo won the duke over Willie Alexander and Billy Richardson gave George Nubeck his first defeat when Billy belted George out in the third round. In fours, Frankie Rowe, the fighting clown, belted out Eddie Simon in the first. Ben Davis and Lee Strong fought to a draw. Eddie Wilson and Al Wright put on a good scrap with Eddie being called the winner.

As in the first show, Billy Richardson was declared the winner of the best fight of the night.

The Garden A. C. presented Jimmy McCallister and Filberto Osario in the feature spot of eight rounds. These two had fought twice before with Jimmy winning a very close one in the first setto and having to be content with a draw in their second battle. This one was the rubber bout and Jimmy went after his foe, meeting him punch for punch, winning the unanimous decision. In sixes, Joe O'Connell and Jackie Williams went at it right from the start with Joe's bulldog tenacity winning out for him at the end. In the semi, Vic Young, West Coast, split with Leslie Harris. In fours, Jimmy Fox disposed of Frankie Simmons. Joe Poodles belted out Rudolf Sims in one and Jimmy Brown won over Spider Hatcher. The fighter of the night was Leslie Harris.

The Garden A. C. presented Ellis Stewart and Smuggy Hursey in the main go of eight rounds. This one turned out to be a Pier 6 brawl with Smuggy winning the unanimous duke. Stewart started off very fast to carry the first two rounds but Smuggy was in there banging away and closed very fast to earn the duke of a very hard-fought fight. In sixes, Jimmy Briscoe and Chappie Manning fought to a draw with Briscoe taking an early lead only to have Chappie come on strong in the closing rounds to make honors even. In another six Terry Moore met Jimmy Spence in a rematch. In their first meeting Terry was belted out in the first, and in this, their second bout, Jimmy started off in whirlwind fashion to try to duplicate his previous feat, but Terry was an improved battler tonight and met Spence punch for punch and midway of the first round Terry landed a beautiful right hand flush on Jimmy's jaw with Spence being counted out in the first. So, as matters now stand, Terry reversed that defeat in grand style. This kid bears watching as he has the makings of a good fighter. In fours, Sipio Lofton kept his five win streak intact when he won the duke over Arthur Diggs. Jimmy Brown looked great in winning from Al Johnson of Armstrong's stable, and Sonny Boy West, who won the award, looked great in belting out George Junior in the second. This was Sonny Boy's first pro bout and he looked sensational in making his debut.

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Buster Tyler, recent victor over Beau Jack in a tremendous upset, had the tables turned on him in his ten-round bout with Charley Milan in the feature attraction on the December 2 show. Tyler, who hails from Newark, N. J., entered the ring a two-to-one favorite and retired a short while later the loser by virtue of a unanimous decision. Milan weighed in at 143, a half-pound lighter than his opponent.

Frank Lacey, 160¼, moved one step closer to the main bout class by administering a terrific lacing to Howard Bennett, 168¼, in the eight-round semi-windup.

Billy Richardson, 138¼, took a close decision from Honey Chile Johnson, 136, in a six-round affair.

In fours: Young Beau Jack, 150, Chico Roderick, 132, and Eddie Brown, 133, took the decision over their respective opponents, Frankie Rowe, 154, Maurice Nelson, 129, and Charley Dominic, 132½.

SPOKANE NEWS
By JIMMY TANSY

THE old saying "no news is good news" doesn't hold good when it comes to boxing, but as far as Spokane is concerned that's the way it is. There has been no action in town since Joey Dolan outclassed Tony Olivera in ten rounds at the Ice Arena. Olivera weighed 123 pounds for the battle, just one pound less than Dolan.

Due to the dearth of promotion here Dolan journeyed up to Vancouver, B. C., to do battle with Freddie Steele, local favorite. The decision turned out to be a "draw," but in all fairness to Joey, the decision was way out of line.

A new face looms on the fistic horizon. Billy Townsend is the name and though just a baby face he shows promise of becoming one of the most formidable light-heavyweights Spokane has ever produced if Spokane can keep him busy that is. In his debut Billy went up to Vancouver, B. C., and turned the lights out for the experienced and tough Ron Whalley.

FIGHTIN' WORDS FROM TOLEDO
By ED HACKLEY

TOLEDO had two shows in November, both sponsored by the Toledo Boxing Club. In the first Irish Mickey Doyle beat Bobby Berger in a tame bout, and in the second, little Jimmy McClellan continued his winning streak at the expense of Eduardo Serratos, Mexican puncher.

The Doyle-Berger bout was slow, not because the boys did not try but because both the boys fought the same style, and did not have the punch to do any damage.

On the undercard, Frankie Gerrard turned in another thrilling win. This one was at the expense of Paul Carbetta, Mansfield's pre-war amateur ace. Frankie got off the floor in the first round in a fog, and had tough sledding, but in the end that great heart of his pulled him through to another victory.

Eddie Garlan, Flint lightweight, started slow, but came to life in the fifth round to unleash a flock of thunderbolts at Bobby Root of Cleveland. Root was dropped for an eight count and then for keeps.

In a pair of four rounders, Frankie O'Brien, Toledo middleweight hopeful, was stopped in two rounds by Waymond Easley of Detroit, and Edgar Wells, Detroit, beat his fellow townsman, Buddy Hednett, in a good bout.

In the second Toledo Boxing Club Show, Little Sugar McClellan displayed marked improvement and won going away from Eddie Serratos, Mexican kayo artist. The bell for the end of the fight found the two little punchers slugging it out toe-to-toe.

In the semi of eight rounds, Larry Moreland, tough, rangy Toledo lightweight, lost a close one to Harold Jones, a comer from Detroit. It was a good fight all the way.

Johnny Ousky of Toledo dropped Waymond Easley of Detroit in the first and won a thriller in their six-round go.

In a pair of four round openers, Jim Guy, 148, Detroit, stopped Hap Cleary, Detroit, in one, and Tommy Klymk, of London, Ont., beat Marty Marland, Detroit, at 153.

Sam Greene is going it alone in the Toledo Boxing Club, now that Goldberg is busy with the Toledo Jeeps, pro basketball outfit. Sam is making his own matches, and can be reached at the Clover Club, on Cherry St.

It was welcome news that Toledo will have a good amateur set-up this winter, with a C.Y.O., Y.M.C.A., and Golden Gloves tournaments to be held. Jack Senn, sports editor of the *Morning Times*, is the guiding spirit.

Any questions about the local fight game will be answered if the questioner encloses a stamped, addressed envelope. Also any information about local fighters.

CENTRAL OHIO SWINGS AND HOOKS
By LESS HUFFMAN

BENNIE DROLL, Peoria middleweight, was stopped by Eddie Miller of Dayton, Ohio, in four rounds.

Since Willie Russell has dropped a couple dukes this year, the matchmakers of the Quality Club are getting plenty of offers from lightweights and welterweights from all over the country, offering to fight the Buckeye Buzz Bomb.

Harry Hart, Delaware, Ohio, lightweight, has had 30 fights since January and lost only three.

Vince Turpin was given the nod over Bobby McIntire of Detroit, Michigan, in ten heats at Canton, Ohio, on October 30 at Canton.

At Newark, Ohio, on November 13, the bouts ended as follows: Freddy Tibbs gave Red Becholts of Mt. Vernon a boxing lesson in eight. Joe Brown of Mansfield, Ohio, stopped Pat Richards of Cleveland, Ohio, due to a cut eye.

Dan Pinto, Columbus welterweight, and Young Kinney of Newark, Ohio, went six fast rounds to a draw. Mutt Schartz stopped Young Kennedy of Ashland in three heats.

Matchmaker Mantia of the Dayton boxing club had a full house to attend his third fight of the season at Memorial Hall. He topped his show with Jamaica Smith, Philadelphia, Pa., middleweight, and Eddie Miller, the Dayton, Ohio, mauler. Miller put Smith away in the second.

Lee Carter, Indianapolis light-heavy, was stopped by Bob Amos of Detroit in the third of a slambang scrap.

Charley Banks, Cincinnati, Ohio, light-heavyweight, stopped Tommy Baynes, Philadelphia heavyweight, in the third round of a scheduled ten at Huntington, West Virginia.

Cincinnati, Ohio, has slowed to a walk as far as promoters in the Queen City are concerned.

Dicky Lewis, who has been out of action several weeks with a fractured jaw, has resumed his training.

The Quality Club of Columbus, with the writer as matchmaker, is getting ready to sponsor the best lightweights of Ohio in a tournament to find the logical opponent to meet Willie Russell, Ohio's lightweight champion. The tournament is to last through the winter.

Battling Swartz, who at one time was one of the toughest featherweights around this part of the country, is now in charge of the local gymnasium.

The Xmas show sponsored by Rex Reese and Sammy Miller at Mansfield, Ohio, November 25, for the benefit of the veterans, featured Paul Channey, Delaware, Ohio, and Paul Carbetta of Mansfield, Ohio, in an eight-round bout which ended in a knockout in favor of Carbetta in the third round. Johnny Bryan, Massillon, Ohio, stopped Don Neal, Columbus, Ohio, in the second round, after Bryan himself had been on the canvas. Tommy Tibbs and Sammy Adams, both Columbus paperweights, stole the show. These midgets sure toss leather.

The Charley Baxter-Eddie Brant fight, which was staged at Springfield, Ohio, on the 21st, ended with a win for Baxter. It was a slugging scrap.

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JABS FROM ST. LOUIS AND VICINITY
By BUS BURKE

HANS BERNSTEIN'S promotional venture on November 12, which pitted St. Louis's Jim Ritchie against Cleveland's Joey Maxim, was one of those kind of fights in which all of the voting officials figured differently. The ten round feature attraction ended in a draw with Judge Al Graf's ballot reading 50 points apiece, Judge Gene Farrell had Maxim ahead with 51 points to 49, Referee Harry Kessler scored 51 points for Ritchie with 49 points for Maxim. The 5,088 fans who left $11,447.10 in the Bernstein cash box, were as badly muddled as the tallying officials, being equally divided in their opinions as to who won, Maxim or Ritchie. Maxim displayed marvelous boxing form, but to me he looked as if he was not in the very best of condition.

The Complete Results: Jim Ritchie, 177, St. Louis, Mo., and Joe Maxim, 179, Cleveland, O., drew in ten rounds. Harry Kessler, referee.

Semi Wind-up: Mickey Savage, St. Louis, 142½, outpointed Dave Riley, St. Louis, 147, in eight rounds. Jim Parker, referee.

Preliminaries: Jackie Dickers, St. Louis, 126, decisioned Rube Salazar, 127½, of Wichita, Kans., in six rounds. Parker, referee. Prelims: Jerry Marshall, St. Louis, 166, defeated John Gulley, St. Louis, 170, in six rounds. Bob Ingham, referee.

Curtain Raiser: Aberdeen Lynch, St. Louis, 136, decisioned Harry Szerzenski, St. Louis, 140, in four rounds. Ingham, referee.

The Farren Twins of Bangs, Tex., are certainly scoring plenty of knockouts down Texas way with their "Golden Spur Bank," where they are playing to packed houses and sell out crowds. Jimmy and Eddy Farren are a couple of Texas boys who laid away the padded mittens and picked up musical instruments. The two boys who left the ranks of professional boxing are most popular with the public along with their troupe of entertainers and are in constant demand. Texas fight fans will remember Jimmy Farren as the aggressive, hard punching middleweight thumper who was unrelentless and did not know what it was to take a backward step away from an opponent even when he was behind.

A crowd pleaser in the ring and a crowd pleaser on the stage. That's the stuff, Jimmy and Eddy, here's wishing you the best.

Tom Kutis, of the Kutis Undertaking Establishment, who has for years been fighting juvenile delinquency, has donated necessary equipment to open up a new amateur boxing club here in St. Louis, with the club head-quartering at 2614a So. Jefferson Ave. The organization will carry the name of "The Kutis Boys Club." Eddie Dames, now fighting as a featherweight pro out of St. Louis, will train the boys.

Right Crosses: Bennie Droll's ten round bout with Al Hostak in Seattle was cancelled after Hostak suffered an injured hand. Charlie O'Kelly of Vallejo, Cal., by way of St. Louis, recently outpointed Lou Bell in ten rounds at Eureka, Cal. The St. Louis *Globe Democrat* Golden Glove Tournament will get under way February 3 with three rings. The tournament will be held at the Oakland Ave. Arena.

Readers having information of interest to other readers of this column send same to the writer, Bus Burke, 601 St. Louis Street, De Soto, Missouri. I would also appreciate receiving autographed photos of fighters to add to my collection.

FANFARE from MISSOURI
By ROBERT B. DANA

JIM RITCHIE, St. Louis's long unsung light-heavyweight, got his big chance last month, but the consensus was that the pencil pushers rather than his rival leather pusher, took it away from him. Ritchie fought ten spirited rounds with Joey Maxim, who was still flush with his surprise victory over Jersey Joe Walcott and riding high with his No. 3 heavyweight rating in THE RING. Only those close to Ritchie gave the local boy more than an outside chance, though Jim felt quite confident that he could repeat his amateur performance and whip the Ohio entry. He did.

As this was Ritchie's first ten-rounder, most fans thought that his machinery had run down at the end of the eighth. Their surprise was probably shared by Manager Jack Kearns when Jim came back to take an edge in the ninth and bat Maxim from pillar to post in the tenth. Judge Gene Farrell voted for Maxim, Al Graf saw it in a 50-50 light, and Referee Harry Kessler awarded the decision to Ritchie, making it a draw.

Mickey Savage found Dave Riley's style to his liking in the semi-final and won as he pleased in eight rounds. Savage seems to be a nifty enough boxer, but lacks the punching authority to go all the way. He is about the best welterweight in town.

Jackie Dickers won over Rube Salazar of Wichita in another preliminary; Jerry Marshall got a close decision over John Gulley in another six-rounder. The boys are light-heavies. Aberdeen Lynch, the last of the remarkable battalion of Slaughter amateurs, made his professional debut in defeating Harry Szerzenski at junior welterweight figures.

Point, Counterpoint: One of the constructive things that the so-called boxing commission could do here, it seems to us, would be to permit the newspapers to publish the receipts of wrestling exhibitions. Sam Muchnick used to do it, we understand, but has recently refrained inasmuch as Tom Packs does not.

Harry Eagles is doing his best to get his promotional activities lined up.

ARKANSAS AND OKLAHOMA FLASHES
By CLYDE SMITH

THE Golden Gloves season has started, and Oklahoma will have its share as there is no pro boxing there. Several towns in the state would support pro boxing if the right kind of promoter would build up the game and help with good fighters.

At Little Rock, Ark., on Nov. 18: Ragon Kinney, Hartman, Ark., knocked out Al Small, Chicago, in two minutes and three seconds of the fifth round of their scheduled ten-round heavyweight fight. It was the 15th victory in as many pro fights for the Arkansan and his eighth knockout.

Phil Smith, 151, Chicago, TKOed Frank Hurd, 145, Little Rock, in first round; Negro bout. Pete Tucker, 128, Memphis, decisioned Bobby Hiten, 126, Poplar Bluff, Mo., 4. Ed Walker, 131, No. Little Rock, TKOed Lew Bridges, 133, Clarksville, Ark., in the first round. A Negro battle-royal opened the show.

Blackwell, Okla., Nov. 21:—Hollis Williams, Tulsa welterweight, defeated Ike Williams of Blackwell in the best bout of the season.

Woodward, Okla., Nov. 23: In the first of a series of intercity winter boxing programs, the Woodward Amateur boxers defeated Amarillo, Texas, boys.

Any party or parties without ties who would like any information about a good town in Oklahoma to promote pro boxing, just drop yours truly a line. My address is 1003 E. Magrill St., Longview, Texas.

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CONNECTICUT RING NEWS

By DON HAMILL

BOXING in Connecticut hit a rut during the month. Only eleven shows filled the program for the month supplied by four clubs. The New Haven arena was only able to get off one show as the arena was tied up most of the month with other activities. Renovating work in the Waterbury State Armory kept Promoter George Mulligan from staging more than one show. Hartford, New Britain, and Stamford were all hit by small houses. The results were as follows:

Hartford Auditorium—George Red Doty, 153, Hartford veteran, stopped Johnny King, 150, New York Negro, in the sixth round of one of the three featured eight-rounders that headed the card. King was on the floor three times in the first, once in the second, and once in the fifth before Referee Tom (Jigger) McCarthy stopped the bout with 30 seconds gone of the first round. Johnny Cesario, 146, Hartford and Cambridge, won as he pleased in taking an eight-rounder from aging Oscar Suggs, 141, Newport, R. I. Tony Falco, 145½, Middletown, punched out a decision over Charley Howard, 149, Pittsburgh, in the best of the three bouts. Billy Kearns, 147, Wethersfield, and Jackie Maddox, 146, Hartford, went six rounds to a draw. In a semi-pro bout, Leo Belanger, 139, Hartford, stopped Stan Navie, 135, Torrington, in the third.

Waterbury State Armory—Willie Pep, 128, world's featherweight champion from Hartford, scored an easy two-round kayo over Tomas Beato, 127, Dominican Republic, in their ten-round bout. Beato went down three times in the first round and went down and out in the second from a right to the chin. Henry (Kid) Briere, 130, Putnam, got up off the floor four times to knock out Augie Brett, 132, Hartford, in the fifth round of a sixer. Brett had been considered a good looking prospect. Floyd (Bat) Stroud, 161, Hartford, stopped Whitey Kozey, 157, New Britain, in the second of another six. And in the fifth bout which also ended in a knockout Kenny James, 159, Waterbury, belted out Joey Edwards, 157, Worcester.

New Haven Arena—Ernie Petrone, 137½, Philadelphia, won for the third time over Julie Kogon, 133½, New Haven, taking an eight-round decision over the veteran, yet, oddly enough, scored a 4-to-1 upset. Petrone won handily. Tony Vero, 151, Stamford, won a close eight-round decision over Benny Davis, 154, New York Negro. Davis was effective with a left jab and many thought he had won. Joe Belfiore, 133, Philadelphia, scored another 4-to-1 upset in whipping Dino Belita, 131½, Canton, Ohio, youngster in a third eight. Kenny James, 152, Waterbury Negro, won a disputed six-round decision over Billy Brown, 158, Manchester. Bobby Logan, 128, New London, took the opener with a three-round kayo over Rudy Madera, 130, Stamford.

Stamford—Columbus Hall—Rocky Progano, 125, Stamford, handed Raul Roque, 125, Mexico, a terrific beating for eight solid rounds to take the decision. Johnny Terriano, 144, Norwalk, kayoed George Montgomery, 147, Cleveland, in the first of a six. Leon Hines, 141, Stamford, and Al Mazza, 143, Port Chester, boxed a special four-round draw. Mazza had appeared in the opener with Tony Wilson, 141, New York, but the bout was declared "no contest" by Referee Lou Bogash in the first round as Wilson apparently didn't want to stand up and fight. Al Mazerol, 140, Limestone, Maine, scored over Lenny Holton, 140, St. Louis, in a good bout of six rounds. Johnny Persel, New York, won over Honeyboy Villa, Puerto Rico, in a four-rounder.

New Britain—Stanley Arena—Jimmy Jeannette, 116½, Louisville, Ky., scored a hectic ten-round decision over Jose DiMedina, 117, Puerto Rico, but had to score 21 knockdowns before it was over. DiMedina was down three other times from slips. DiMedina got up in the seventh round and knocked Jeannette down for a nine count. Danny Butler, 134, New York, scored a one-round knockout over Joey Golden, 137, New York, in six. Pat Brady, 138, New York, brother of Dennis Pat Brady who has been raising havoc among the 130-pounders for the past year, kayoed Ray Robinson, 139, Jersey City, in the third of another six. In semi-pro bouts Benny Smith, 130, Hartford Negro, looked good in stopping Tony Terry, 129, Manchester, in the first round and Billy Renaud, 118, Hartford, drew with Chick Boucher, 117, Manchester, in five rounds.

Hartford Auditorium—Dennis (Pat) Brady, 131, Bronx, won an easy ten-round decision over Lloyd Hudson, 128, Bath, Maine. Hudson came highly reputed and was a sorry disappointment. The fight was dull and listless. Billy Kearns, 147, Wethersfield, won on a T.K.O. when veteran Gabby Poulin, 148, New Britain, suffered a dizzy spell in the final heat of a six. Poulin and his manager, Johnny Frazetta, both announced his retirement from the ring after a career of over 15 years. Levi Jackson, 190, New Britain, was awarded a technical knockout over Sam Maltempo, 177, Manchester, when the latter suffered a cut eye in the second round. Al Silverman, 141, New York, won a six-round decision over Al Hallie, 141, Worcester. Georgie Edmonds, 119½, Hartford Negro, won an easy five-round decision over Pete Carlson, 122, Hartford, in a semi-pro bout.

New Britain—Stanley Arena—Dennis (Pat) Brady, 129, Bronx, had to get up off the floor twice in the first round and then went on to knock out Baby Sanchez, 126, Mexico, in the third round of the ten-round feature. It was a rocky night for Pat, who was nearly out as the bell rang ending the first heat. Johnny Bell, 139, New Britain, stopped Freddy Coppola, 135, Stamford, in the fourth when the latter failed to answer the bell because of a cut eye. Eddie Ahearn, 160, Bronx, was returned the winner over Eddie Collie, 155, Newark, N. J., by a knockout in the third. Georgie Edmonds, 123, Hartford, finished Eddie Smith, 126, Hartford, in the opening round of a semi-pro bout.

Stamford—Columbus Hall—Ray Spurlock, 158, Kansas City, appeared a bit lucky in getting a draw at the end of his eight-round battle with Pedro Cobe, 155½, Puerto Rico. Many thought that Cobe did most of the punching and deserved the duke. Jimmy Taylor, 165, Stamford, stopped Preacher McQueen, 164½, Brooklyn, when the latter refused to continue after complaining about a low blow. Harry Lasane, 127½, New York, won a six-round decision over Charley Watson, 124, Panama. Strawberry Hines, 146½, Stamford, stopped Jack Senator, 150, New York, in the third. Ralph Verdejo, 130, Puerto Rico, knocked out Tony Resto, 126½, Puerto Rico, in the final round of a four spot.

Hartford Auditorium—Billy Brown, 160, Manchester, outboxed veteran Ernie Griffin, 164, Hartford Negro, in the feature eight of a special boxing program. Brown had too much respect for Griffin and even when he had chances to score heavily he refrained and seemed content to win via the decision. The undercard was made up of all semi-pro bouts; Art (Easy Going) MacDonald, 190, Hartford's white hope, failed to impress in winning over Jackie Byrd, 185, Wallingford Negro. Charley Litwinas, 149, Hartford, edged out Jimmy Marshall, 152, Hartford Negro, in a very good bout. Benny Smith, 126, Hartford, knocked out Bob Mongillo, 125, New Haven, in the first round. Tony Dante, 155, Torrington, beat Johnny O'Edde, 158, Hartford.

New Britain—Stanley Arena—Tony Vero, 148, Stamford, repeated over Benny Davis, 152, Port Chester, N. Y., in the eight-round feature. Vero scored heavily with both hands. Levi Jackson, 194, New Britain Negro, pounded out a six-round win over Big Ben Benware, 243, New London. Enos Tebo, 130, Omaha, Nebr., was winning going into the sixth and final round from Danny Butler, 129, New York, but wasn't in shape and was stopped with a right to the solar plexis. Lou Daniels, 135, New York, and Paul O'Hara, 139, New York, slugged toe-to-toe for six rounds to a draw. Freddie Buff, 152, Waterbury, knocked out Johnny O'Edde, 154, Hartford, in the second round of a semi-pro bout. In the opener, Charlie Litwinas, 151, Hartford, got up off the floor twice to edge out Jimmy Marshall, 151, Hartford, in five.

Hartford Auditorium—Antonio Carmona, 159½, Brooklyn, outpointed George (Red) Doty, 157, Hartford, in the feature event that was nearly replete with action. Doty, who is a good belter, couldn't seem to find the range while Carmona, although over-stuffed and well upholstered, proved ringwise and willing. Augie Brett weighed in and then disappeared so his scheduled bout with Bobby Williams of Bridgeport never came off and the program was one bout short. Carey Mace, 142, Hartford, racked up his sixth win as a pro by stopping Honeyboy Villa, 137, New York, in the fourth of a six. Al Silverman, 141, New York, scored a hollow victory in stopping Jackie Lloyd, 145, Port Chester, in the fourth of another six. In a semi-pro contest, Jackie Armstrong, 140, Manchester, knocked out Leo Belanger, 140, of Hartford, in the second of a five rounder.

Despite the scarcity of action during the month in this state there is plenty of work in this general section. Unattached fighters can do well by contacting me: Don Hamill, 250 Saybrooke St., Hartford, Conn.

NORTHERN NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS

By LEWIS ESKIN

RAMBLING AROUND: Leonard Ceasar, classy New Orleans featherweight, is now making his home in North Bergen.

Results for the Month—Jersey City Gardens: Jimmy Meeks, 190, stopped Willie Hayes, 184, North Bergen, in 1.34 of the second round. Hayes was down three times. Joe Lucignano, 144, Hoboken, made it twenty in a row by outpointing Aurillo Vasquez, 139, Mexico City, 8. In four-round bouts, Sal Puzzo, 126, Clifton, outpointed Eddie Weyand, 134, Jersey City. Mike Santorina, 147, Long Island, decisioned Len Holton, 142, St. Louis. Johnny Derby, 140, Paterson, outpointed Tiger Jack, 141, New York City.

Joe Governale, 159, Brooklyn, won a hard fought decision over Billy Cooper, 160, Paterson, 10. Freddy McManus, 168, Jersey City, scored an upset win over Johnny Eagle, 167, Garfield, 6. Willie Hayes, 184, North Bergen, outpointed Ea[rl] Turner, 189, Cincinnati, 6. Ernie Durando, 14[8], Bayonne, outpointed Tiger Jack, 145, New Yo[rk] City, 4. Walter Jordan, 133, Greenwood Lak[e], stopped Joe Ciaramella, 133, Brooklyn, in 1.02 o[f] the first. Jimmy Demeterios, 150, N. Y. C., dre[w] with George Montgomery, 149, Harlem, 4.

Joe Lucignano, 140, Hoboken, hung up hi[s] twenty-first straight win by outpointing Vic[tor] Moreno, 137, New York City, 10. Bobby Pla[nt], 145, Newark, stopped Johnny Derby, 141, Pate[r]son, in 2.39 of the second. Eddie White, 13[4], Jersey City, won a close decision over Lou Prin[ce], 133, Princeton, 6. Sal Puzzo, 127, Clifton, K.O.'[ed] Lou Goldberg, 125, Newark, 2.45 in one. Pe[te] Gambesse, 137, Paterson, K.O.'ed Eddie Weyand, 136, Jersey City, 2. Steve Bottger, 130, Paterson, outpointed Tommy King, 126, Newark, 4.

Joe Governale, 159, Brooklyn, outpointed Co[ol]idge Miller, 165, Brooklyn, 10. Johnny Derby, 14[1], Paterson, stopped Bobby Woods, 136, Baltimore, in 2.44 of the second. Ernie Durando, 148, Bayonne, K.O.'ed Tony Wilson, 152, N. Y. C., 1.0[?] in one. Pete Gambesse, 137, Paterson southpaw, outslugged Joe Lasaca, 143, N.Y.C., 4. Jimmy Demeterios, 150, N.Y.C., outpointed Len Holton, 144, St. Louis, 4.

Artie Towne, 152, Harlem youngster, beat Bil[ly] Cooper, 158, Paterson, in 10. Ernie Durando, 14[?], Bayonne, hung up another knockout by stopping Joe La Scala, 144, New York City, 2.15, in tw[o]. Bobby Plant, 146, Newark, was held to a dra[w] by Clarence Allegyess, 149, Brooklyn, 4. Norma[n] Wright, 193, Newark, halted Tony Angelo, 17[?], Jersey City, in 4. Sol Cantor, 128, Paterson, stopped Tommy King, 125, Newark, at the end o[f] the first. Walter Jordan, 132, Greenwood Lake, stopped Eddie Weyand, 137, Jersey City, 1.4[?] 3 rounds.

Willis (Red) Applegate Montclair, heavyweight, scored a big upset by K.O.'ing Cleo Everett. Wil[lie] Hayes also scored an upset by stopping Walte[r] DeChard at Scranton.

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NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH

By BROADWAY JOHNNY COX

LOUIS MESSINA has moved back into th[e] Coliseum Arena which is leased by Hear[n] Ragas, who also promotes fights at the Co[n]ti and North Roman Street ancient boxing structure. Messina and Ragas had been at war, but the hatchet has been buried.

Sammy Adragna decisioned Tommy Ciarl[o], veteran Waterbury, Conn., welterweight, easily in a ten-round bout staged by Ragas at the Coliseum Arena on December 2. It was Ciarlo's first main event here and drew a net gate of $3,099.14.

Ben Montabano, Birmingham, Ala., welterweight, lost a ten-round decision to Sammy Adragna, Pittsburgh, Pa., on November 18. He has gained two decisions in three starts for the Pennsylvania welterweight. Ben held Sammy to a ten-round draw on one of their meetings.

In the eight-round semi-final, Pat Donahue, Algiers, La., middleweight, stopped Lou Nathan in one round. The Houston, Tex., middleweight looked like a novice instead of the washed-up fighter he is. They drew a net gate of $3,271.6[?]. It was a Ragas promotion.

At the Coliseum Arena, Ben Montabano, Birmingham, Ala., won a ten-round decision over Sa[l] Richie, Brooklyn, N. Y., stablemate of Rocky Graziano. In the eight-round semi-final, Jerry Coursol, Canadian welterweight, touted as a comer, was no match for Howell Steen, Dallas, Texas veteran. The net gate was $1,967.64. Promoter Ragas blew about a grand on the show.

Irish Jimmy Webb, Little Rock, Ark., light heavyweight, who has been making Houston, Texas, his home for the past eight years, now holds the Texas light-heavyweight and heavyweight titles. He trounced Eddie (Cowboy) Ownby, Corpus Christi, Texas, heavyweight, in a ten-rounder held at the Houston Auditorium.

Fistic pot shots . . . Bernard Docusen scored a technical seven-round kayo over Joe Ferrie, Toronto, Canada, on the Cleveland *News* Christmas fund show in the Ohio city. Carlos Chavez, Los Angeles, Cal., outpointed Charley (Cabey) Lewis in another ten.

Jackie Callura, who has been residing here for several months, was stopped in the seventh round of a ten-rounder by Jackie Graves at Minneapolis, Minn. Charley Hayes, Detroit, Mich., middleweight, who defeated Louis Rousse, was stopped in two heats at Chicago, Ill., by Anton Raadik. Promoter Louis Messina also stages Negro fights. He is his own matchmaker for the shows. Louis Chattard is no longer connected with Messina.

Charley Rodriguez and Joe Russo have the finest gymnasium in the South at 828 Gravier Street. Pete Mirabella, New York lightweight, is now out of the army and residing here.

Fighters desiring bouts in this locality, who have no managerial affiliations, can contact the writer at the DeSoto Hotel, New Orleans, La.

IT HAPPENED IN WISCONSIN

With Pinky Mitchell, Former World Junior Welterweight Champion

OSSIE BULLDOG HARRIS of Pittsburgh and Jimmy Sherrer of Milwaukee, were unimpressive victors in a double windup at the Milwaukee Auditorium. The Pittsburgher, weighing 162¾, fought in spurts, swinging wild left hooks to the head of Bobby Richardson of Cleveland, and more than once had him on uneasy street but never followed up his advantage to win decisively. Richardson, weighing 126, substituted for Cecil Hudson, who was sick.

Catching up with Robert Simmons, 149¼, Sherrer, 150¾, dropped him for a 9 count in the fifth with a beautiful right to the jaw and chased him the rest of the way to win the 10-round decision.

The prelims: Willard Coffey, 134¼, Chicago, beat Tiger Weems, 131¼, Chicago, 6; Stanley Jordan, 147, Milwaukee, scored a T.K.O. over Dan White, 143½, Chicago, 6; Tim Dalton, 135¼, T.K.O.'d Sanders Simmons, 132½, Milwaukee, 2:21, round 2.

Charles Cabey Lewis, the Brooklyn, N. Y., Cuban, had too much speed and uncorked a glove shower for Juste Fontaine of Milwaukee for 10 rounds at the Milwaukee Auditorium. Fontaine left his boxing technique in Pittsburgh and only once was he a serious threat, when in the seventh round he sent the Cuban down for a count of 2 with a left hook to the chin. Lewis, 129; Fontaine, 137.

In the semi-windup, Gene Joyce, 137¼, Chicago, beat Nunzio Ferraro, 140, Milwaukee, in 8; Leon Thompson, 151, Everett, Ky., decisioned Charley Busalacchi, 150¼, Milwaukee, in 6; Stan Reitzner, 151½, Appleton, won over Reuben Meyer, 155¼, Chicago, 4; Tim Dalton, 134½, Chicago, beat Butch Maxwell, 132¼, Gary; Mickey McMillan, 154½, T.K.O.'d Johnny Jordan, 151, Chicago, 2:08, round 2.

The third boxing show of the month at the Milwaukee Auditorium, a B'nai B'rith benefit, with the world featherweight champion, Willie Pep, knocking out Chalky Wright in 1:05 of round three before a crowd that paid $18,325 to see a splendid card of bouts arranged by Matchmaker Judd Post.

The bout started fast with Pep outjabbing the cagey Wright. In the second round Wright shook the champion with a hard right but Pep bounded back with a left hook that dropped Wright, who was back on his feet immediately. A one, two, a beautiful right, shot by Pep, inside a wild left swing by Wright, dropped Wright flat on his face, where he was counted out.

In other bouts Charley Parham, 151½, Milwaukee, knocked out Billy Parsons, 147¼, Chicago, in 1:45, round 6; Earl Moore, 148½, Detroit, on the verge of a knockout himself, uncorked a right that flattened Charley Busalacchi, 149½, Milwaukee, in 2:35, round 3; Matt Dougherty, 134½, Milwaukee, decisioned Willard Coffey, 134¼, Chicago, in 6; Tony Falco, 141½, Middletown, Conn., a cousin of Pep's, made a hit in beating Stanley Jordan, 147½, Milwaukee, 6; Bob Flannigan, 161, Detroit, having a 10-pound weight advantage, shaded Stanley Reitzner, Appleton, 4.

Judd Post and committee chairman, Sam Ansfield, did a swell job of promotion. B'nai B'rith members paid for some of the matches and with boxes selling at $100 about $5,000 will go to the disabled veterans here.

Every so often an old timer feels sorry for a young fighter. One of these cases happened to me recently. It's the ambition of every fighter who feels he has reached a peak to fight the nation's best to go for Mike Jacobs in New York. Doll Rafferty had that ambition and met Billy Graham in the Garden. He showed up for the plane ride to the big city, running a high fever. "Here I am with the ambition of my life and I have to get sick," said Rafferty. Doll was broken-hearted but we encouraged him, thinking he would be all right for the fight—but he wasn't and to make matters worse had to bust a hand—its still in a cast. Doll at his best with an aggressive opponent, will make a lot of friends in New York.

Charley Parham, Milwaukee welterweight, shot the works for charity the other day. Parham, under a six months' suspension for a contradiction of stories about being offered a bribe to throw the Art Brown fight, volunteered to fight on the B'nai B'rith show for nothing. The boxing commission became generous too and raised his suspension for a worthy cause.

Gene Joyce, brother of Willie and Jimmy, is the fighter of the month here. The kid has had four straight wins here and has all the earmarks of eclipsing his famous brother's record.

Frank Schroeder has gone to the great beyond. He was a great guy and his many friends will miss his good fellowship. He was president of the Bornheimer Cigar Stores.

After the Pep fight Chalky Wright announced his retirement.

FROM TRINIDAD, B.W.I.

By RONALD H. PINHEIRO

ON Thursday, October 17, Horacio Bonilla, a newcomer to the promoting circle, presented his first boxing card, a return bout between Jota Jota Hernandez, Middleweight Champion of Venezuela, and Gentle Daniel, Light-heavyweight Champion of Trinidad, and the British West Indies. Never before in the history of Trinidad boxing was the Stadium so packed.

There was no action in the first round, as Daniel was taking no chances of running into a right hook as in the first encounter. In the second round the Venezuelan's knees buckled when Daniel smashed a right cross to the temple. In the third Daniel began forcing the pace, crowding Jota to the ropes, and smashing hard rights and lefts to the midsection. In the fourth Jota took three counts, two at eight and one at nine. At the bell for the fifth Daniel came out for the kill, and smashed the Venezuelan for an eight count, then when he arose Daniel staggered him across the ring with a terrific right and followed him up to send him to the canvas where Referee Juan Reece counted him out. The end came in exactly 2:15 seconds of the fifth round. Daniel fought the best fight of his career and at no time did the Venezuelan look like a winner.

Weights were: Daniel 164½ pounds. Hernandez 156½ pounds.

In the semi-final over eight rounds, Jimpy Edwards, veteran campaigner on the comeback trail, scored a popular point victory over Dynamite Jim. Jimpy piled up enough points in the early rounds to stave off a gallant comeback by Jim in the last two rounds. Jimpy used his height and reach to an advantage and stopped all Jim's rushes with straight jabs, and uppercuts.

This was a middleweight scrap.

In another middleweight scrap over six rounds, Isaac Quamina, 152 pounds, mauled Cecil Samm, 153½ pounds, to score an easy points victory. Quamina opened a cut over Samm's eye in the fifth and continued hammering away at it in the final round.

In the opener, Tarquini, 116½, making his professional debut, drew with K.O. Salandy, 116½, over six rounds. Tarquini gained applause from the crowd for his clever slipping and ducking. On one occasion he made Salandy miss three uppercuts one after the other. He will go far if he sticks to the game, but needs some more experience in throwing his leather. He is in the capable hands of John Douglas who pilots Gentle Daniel.

NOW FOR THE LATEST NEWS: Promoter George Whitehead will be staging two grand cards next month. The first a return between Gentle Daniel and Carlos Perez of Central America. And the second a return between Kid German, lightweight champion of the southern Caribbean, and Rafael Lastra of Cuba.

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HALIFAX FISTIC NEWS

By COLIN FAULKNER

THE Vimy Branch of the Canadian Legion is conducting bouts twice a month in the Armory.

The first event was held November 22. William McCarthy, 144½, quit to Robert Nunn, 147, in the second round. Stephen Connolly, 129, won in four over Habby Hillard, 130.

Joseph Smith, 182, heavyweight champion of the British Eighth Army, now a fireman in this city, made a fine impression when he belted out Gene Fowler, 175, Yarmouth, N. S., in 38 seconds of the fifth round.

Roger Whynott, 147, Mahone Bay, N. S., and Boston, Mass., took the Maritime Welterweight Championship away from Joseph Pyle, 142½, Glace Bay, C. B., and Montreal, by a close ten-round decision.

The new Garrison Gymnasium was officially opened Tuesday evening, Nov. 19, in one of the buildings of what during the war was called Peregrine Barracks in North Halifax, N. S., with a well conducted boxing show of amateurs and inter-service bouts.

A professional boxing show was held in the Shirley Street Arena at Halifax on Nov. 9.

Allie Earle, 124, Glace Bay, got a unanimous decision over Habby Hillard, 130, Halifax.

Charles Orman, 120, Armdale, dumped Reginald Meyers, 118, New Glasgow, in 1:45 of the fourth round.

George (Rockabye) Ross, 150, New Waterford, lulled Tony Margolin, 147, Montreal, to sleep in 2:57 of the sixth round of a bleeding contest.

Richard (Kid) Howard, 129½, Halifax, won the Maritime Lightweight Boxing Championship from Russell (Kid) Lantz, 128, also of this city, by a close but undisputed decision in the feature bout of ten rounds.

The Nova Scotia Amateur Boxing Tournament for 1946 was held in Halifax's Shirley Street Arena. Fifteen provincial champions were crowned.

The event was conducted by St. Mary's High School, a Catholic institution in the city, to derive funds to pay a hockey coach for this winter.

As for team prizes, St. Mary's won first place easily, St. Joseph's, another Catholic school in the city, got second place, the towns of Springhill and Joggins tied for third place, Navy and the town of New Waterford for fourth, the town of Amherst was fifth, and Liverpool in cellar position.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., BOXING NOTES

By SAM PORCELLI

ONE of the best fights seen in the city of Rochester in years was put on by Eddie Smith of Rochester, and Al Highers of Sherrill, N. Y. It was a good slugging match. Highers got the duke after ten tough rounds and the matchmaker rematched the boys.

Tommy Stienhouse of Buffalo, won over Al Baldisano of Niagara Falls, in eight rounds. Irish Johnny Long of Rochester, won over Billy Wigfall of Buffalo, in six, making it 18 in a row for Long. Johnny DeNero of Rochester, and Al Mitchell of Buffalo, fought six tough rounds to a draw. Walter Hicks won by a T.K.O. over Sam Musa of Buffalo, in two. Tommy Johnson won over Billy Friedle in four.

On the other show of the month, Johnny Mazzanoble won over Pat Scanlon in ten good rounds. Clem Fitzpatrick, New York, won over Walter Hicks in eight tough rounds. Freddie Patterson won over Lou Miller in six. Tiger Smith won over Jimmy Smith by a T.K.O., in four. Smith did not answer the bell for the fifth round. Jack McCurry won over Charley Dudson in six. Billy Carpenter of Elmira won over Harry Kipp of Toronto, in four.

Irish Johnny Long is the fighter of the year around Rochester and Western New York, with 18 pro fights and as many wins—ten via the kayo route.

Rochester is running boxing shows every week and fighters wishing to show in and around this city should get in touch with the writer at 103 S. Union St. If you want to read your notes in this column you must send them in before the first of each month. You can get your RING at the corner of Main and Clinton Sts. on the 15th of each month.

IN TACOMA, WASHINGTON

By HOMER AMUNDSEN

AMUNDSEN'S gymnasium in Tacoma may well be termed a replica of the former famed Mike Gibbons' school of boxing. Half a dozen 14 to 16-year-olders, who have taken to the sport in fine fashion are training here. Three youngsters who show exceptional ability are Danny Hitchcock and Buddy Ross, 14-year-olds, weighing 105 pounds, and Virgil Larson, 16-year-old, weighing 135 pounds. These sprouts may hit the jackpot in due time in Tacoma's boxing life.

Gene Mason, the dapper and aggressive Vancouver, B. C. boxing promoter, will have his own fine boxing gymnasium in the Canadian city after the first of the New Year.

Rumors have it Tacoma's new $350,000 Ice Arena may house this city's future fistic programs. 7000 patrons could be accommodated in this fine large Ice Palace. Parking space for several hundred cars is available.

Upon delivery of a new automobile come early next summer, the writer contemplates a trip to New York City.

Tod Morgan, former world's 130-pound champion, frequently sees a bit of referee action in Seattle boxing rings. Ron Warnock, the new Seattle boxing promoter, goes about his matchmaking duties with a great deal of aggressiveness. Mr. Warnock, will no doubt do a bang-up job in his fight promoting role.

Jack Connors, veteran Tacoma boxing manager, is loud in his praise regarding the fistic possibilities of 16-year-old Virgil Larson, Tacoma High School student. Virgil comes from hardy Swedish and German stock and has the punch of a heavyweight although weighing only 135 pounds. Young Larson is growing rapidly and may well develop into a middleweight.

Jimmy "Kid" Fitzpatrick, Tacoma's classy 150-pound Irish speedster, recently took Seattle fight fans by storm in a six-round showing with "Irish" Bob Kelly, of Seattle. Fitzpatrick won the nod in this one, but received a draw for his efforts. Jimmy is handled by the wise old ring owl, Jack Connors.

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TIMELY CHATTER FROM GREAT BRITAIN

By JOHN B. SHARPE

ALWAYS admitting the fact that there are very few opponents gracing these shores that are capable of extending our erstwhile cruiserweight champion, Freddie Mills, of Bournemouth, when he is boxing at his own weight, past experience should have told Freddie that it is useless to try conclusions with the top ranking heavyweights of the United States.

Freddie's main assets are: bull-like strength, undeniable gameness, and a great deal of self-confidence, but unfortunately, and it is with regret that I say this, he lacks the boxing brain, and extra class necessary to make him into a contender for world honors.

This was never more apparent than in his scheduled 10-round contest with Joe Baksi, of the United States, at the Harringay Arena.

Gameness Freddie showed plenty of, strength was there, too, for he gave and took blows that would have felled lesser men, but the outcome was never in doubt.

Baksi began slowly, feeling his man out as it were, and allowing Mills to do the leading, but effectively countered any serious opposition by virtue of his great advantage in weight, height, and reach.

It was in the second and subsequent rounds that the big Pennsylvanian came into his own, severely pummeling Mills all around the ring, hitting him almost at will, and shrugging off Mills' heaviest attacks as though non-existent.

The remainder of the contest was mere repetition with Baksi tirelessly pounding Mills, who received two badly cut eyes, and presented a very battered appearance at the end.

Round after round, the massacre continued with Mills presenting a chopping block for Baksi's heaviest punches. A lesser man would truly have been knocked out long before, but gamely Mills struggled along, occasionally unleashing a counter-attack, which didn't seem to bother Baksi at all.

In fact, during the fifth round, Baksi, a la Max Baer, dropped his hands to his side, and presented his chin to Freddie, practically daring him to hit him. This horseplay did not appeal to the crowd who booed for a second or so, but even so it was obvious that the end was near.

The sixth round proved a mere repetition of the previous rounds with Baksi pitching and Mills catching, until the vast crowd, which filled the Arena, began to call out to the referee to halt the bout and save Mills from further unnecessary punishment. The round ended with Mills in a sorry state, and it was when he went to his corner that he signified his retirement from the bout leaving Baksi the winner. Baski scaled 211½ pounds. Mills 184 pounds.

This was a wise move from Mills, for it was obvious that he had no chance at all of winning. Baksi had taken his hardest punches without flinching, and all that was left was Mills' terrific gameness . . . but gameness is not enough, and so Mills retired.

In the chief supporting contest, Cliff Curvis, the Welsh featherweight star, 127¼ pounds, who is rapidly becoming a menace to the top rankers of his division, won his best fight to date when he defeated Sunderland's Tom Smith, 128 pounds, over eight rounds.

Over eight rounds, Ken Shaw, 206 pounds, of Scotland, and Tommy Reddington, 189 pounds, of Manchester, put up a dull, uninteresting fight, which ended with Shaw receiving a points decision.

Billy Thompson, of Hickleton Main, 135½ pounds, defeated Alf Edwards of Birmingham, 133½ pounds, on points over eight rounds.

Eddie Thomas, of Wales, 142¼ pounds, won a good victory when he outpointed the tough, seasoned campaigner, Dick Shields, 144¾ pounds, of Liverpool, in six rounds.

Alf. Brown, of Catford, knocked out Charlie Collett, of Hemel Hempstead, in the first round.

A New British middleweight champion was crowned at the Royal Albert Hall, London, when Vince Hawkins, 159¾ pounds, of Eastleigh, defeated Ernie Roderick, 147½ pounds, of Liverpool, over fifteen rounds.

Roderick's clever boxing notched him the early rounds, but Hawkins' youth and speed soon began to tell the tale, and the challenger piled up the points until the end, when he was given a thoroughly deserved decision.

It must have been thoroughly disheartening to Roderick to see his best punch, a beautiful right to Hawkins' jaw, have absolutely no effect when landed, and it was a weary Roderick who finished the contest, worried by Hawkins' continued strength sapping body blows, which certainly must have added to the points win by the Eastleigh challenger.

Roderick has been a worthy champion, but this was a case of youth coming into its own, with the new champion being 22 against the 34 years of age of Roderick.

Peter Kane, 119¾ pounds, ex-flyweight champion of the world, now embarked on the come-back trail, won a fine victory when he knocked out Norman Lewis, 116½ pounds, bantamweight champion of Wales, in the fifth.

Kane, punching as well as he ever did, was too strong for the Welshman, who fought well and hard, but just couldn't beat the count.

Tommy Smith, 128¾ pounds, of Sunderland, outpointed Ray Famechon, of France, in eight rounds.

Charlie Squire, 116 pounds, of Coventry, outpointed Ronnie Draper, 116 pounds, of Southampton, in six rounds.

Gwyn Williams, of Bridgend, 146 pounds, and Willy Whyte, 148 pounds, of Scotland, fought eight hard rounds to a draw.

There was a sensational ending to the contest between Jackie Paterson, flyweight champion of the world, and Theo Medina, of France, when they met in a 15-round contest at the Hampden Park Stadium, Glasgow, before a crowd of more than forty thousand people.

The contest was for the bantamweight championship of Europe, and Medina, who had lost to Paterson in a previous contest, by a disqualification, announced to all and sundry that this time his fists would prove who was the better man . . . and prove it he did!

The French whirlwind started out as though he had a train to catch, tearing into the Scot with all barriers down, determined to end the contest as soon as possible.

Paterson was obviously flustered, and could only retreat before the speedy Medina, who kept boring in as though his life depended upon it.

Sensation number one came when Paterson was sent to the canvas flat upon his back from a punch to the midriff, and took a count of eight, and on rising was sent once more upon the retreat.

The fight still had many thrills left, but it was always Medina who was on top, and he floored Paterson twice more in the third round.

The unusual ending came in the fourth round, when after a little preliminary sparring, Paterson threw a wild roundhouse swing at Medina, who seeing it coming, stepped back, and made Paterson miss by a mile, when carried forward by the force of his own blow, Paterson fell upon the canvas, and was unable to get up before the fatal ten was counted over him.

A cramp had developed in his thigh, making it impossible for him to rise, and this ending threw the crowd into a turmoil.

Medina was acclaimed the winner amid cheers and boos, and it was some time before boxing could be resumed.

Terry Allen, the smart young Islington flyweight, scored a convincing win when he battered Frank Tierney, of Glasgow, for eight rounds to a points decision.

Willie Whyte, 152¾ pounds, of Glasgow, substituted for Willie Wimms, of Scotland, with one day's notice, against Ginger Stewart, of Hamilton, 149 pounds, and put up a good show, to be outpointed over eight rounds.

Tommy McGlinchey, of Scotland, proved too strong for Stan Callard, of London, and outpointed him over eight rounds.

Charlie Kerr, of Glasgow, outpointed Johnny Boom, of London, in eight rounds.

Mark Hart, of Croydon, outpointed Albert Finch, of Croydon, in 12 rounds in their eliminator for the southern area middleweight title, at the Grand Theatre, Clapman.

Making his professional debut, Sammy Irwin, of Balhan, stopped Jack Treadway, of Battersea, who retired at the end of the second.

Irwin warmed up after a slow first round, and floored Treadway twice for long counts, and it was then that the Battersea lad signalled his retirement.

Johnny Toohig, of Croydon, knocked out Bob Hickey, of Edgware, in the fourth.

Emlyn Jones, of Croydon, outpointed George Small, of Battersea, in six fast rounds.

Al Phillips, of Aldgate, and Rene Megret, of France, provided the main event scheduled for eight rounds at the Seymour Hall, London, and a fine bout it was.

Megret proved tough and like all French fighters, willing to stand there and mix it with his opponent, and Phillips found that he had no push-over to deal with.

In the third round, Phillips succeeded in cutting Megret's eyebrow, and he played on this target so much, that the referee had to call a halt in the fourth session, when the damaged optic was in a bad way.

Billy Thompson, 136½ pounds, of Hickleton Main, and Claude Dennington, of Peckham, 137½ pounds, met in their eight-round return contest, and once again the fans thrilled to a ding-dong battle in which Thompson, as before, received a points verdict.

Tommy Barnham, 136 pounds, of Fulham, and Billy Biddles, 140 pounds, of Birmingham, also engaged in an eight-round lightweight contest which produced thrills galore.

Barnham won on points, but not before he knew that he had been in a hectic struggle.

Jimmy Webster, 117 pounds, of Canning Town, scored his best win to date when he stopped Sammy Reynolds, 115 pounds, of Wolverhampton, in the tenth of their twelve rounds eliminating bantamweight bout.

It was close until the ninth session, when Webster landed a peach of a blow to Reynolds' chin. The latter took a count of nine which was repeated in the tenth round. When Reynolds arose, it was obvious that he had shot his bolt, and Webster came tearing in, driving his opponent all around the ring. It was then that the referee decided to call a halt.

Alex Buxton, 160 pounds, of Watford, and Tommy Davies, 160½ pounds, of Wales, met over eight exciting rounds, with first one lad and then the other dealing it out. There was very little between them at the end, and the referee gave the only possible verdict, that of a draw.

Cliff Anderson, 124 1/3 pounds, bantamweight champion of British Guiana, knocked out Jimmy Stubbs, 130 pounds, of Runcorn, in the third round after dealing out severe punishment to Stubbs in the previous rounds.

The closing punch was a pile-driving right hook to the chin.

Johnny Boom, 118½ pounds, of London, who is now resuming his professional career, after six years in the British Army, mainly spent overseas, made a good impression at the Caird Hall, Dundee, when he held Eddie "Bunty" Doran, 119½ pounds, of Ireland, to a draw in eight rounds.

Doran, who had defeated both Jackie Paterson and Theo Medina, could not seem to cope with Boom, who had an answer for everything the Irishman tried.

Boom was floored for seven in the third round, but made a brilliant recovery, taking the fight to his opponent for the rest of the bout, and inflicting much punishment upon him.

Bobby Boland, 112 pounds, of Dundee, defeated Richard "Skeets" Gallagher, 113 pounds, of Renton, when the latter retired at the end of the third of a scheduled eight rounder.

Both lads threw caution to the winds, and tore in, defense being entirely ignored, but it was Boland who was the stronger, and he was well ahead when his opponent signified his retirement.

Joe Lynam, of Dundee, outpointed Johnny Knowles, of Aberdeen, in eight rounds.

Norman Tennant, of Dundee, knocked out Pat Duffy, of Pert, in the first round.

Frank Kenny, Scottish featherweight champion, outpointed Jim Brady, of Dundee in eight rounds.

Johnny Smith, of Clydebank, defeated Pat Kelly, of Perth, the referee calling a halt in the fifth round.

Henry Hall, of Sheffield, had a hard fight over eight rounds at Sutton-in-Ashfield, before he managed to outpoint Jack Phillips, of Tredegar. Phillips evaded all Hall's efforts to land a telling blow, and was always in there trying.

Northern Area lightweight champion, Stan Hawthorne, of North Shields, scored one of his best wins when at the Liverpool Stadium he defeated Jan Nicholaas, lightweight champion of Holland, who retired in the sixth round.

Hawthorne never gave the Dutchman a chance, tearing in from the word go, and battered him severely before the game Dutchman retired in the sixth.

The latter had taken severe punishment, and it was only when it was apparent that he had absolutely no chance of winning that he called it a day.

Len Coffin, of Chester, 119¾ pounds, defeated Eddie Dumazel, 120½ pounds, of Cardiff, in the sixth round, when the latter received a badly cut eye, and was forced to retire.

Dave Edwards, 148¼ pounds, of Liverpool, defeated Jimmy O'Brien, 165¼ pounds, of Sidmouth, when the latter retired in the third round with a broken jaw.

Jerry Speers, 124 pounds, of Barrow, defeated Willie Grey, 121½ pounds, of Swansea, the referee calling a halt in the seventh round when Grey had received a badly cut eye.

Jackie Braddock, 147 pounds, of Manchester, former ABA lightweight title holder, made his professional debut when he outpointed Jesse Birthwhistle, of Bolton, 146 pounds, in six rounds.

Frankie Johnson, of Manchester, knocked out Mickey Donavan, of Manchester, in the first of a six rounder.

Billy Thompson, of Hickleton Main, defeated Ginger Roberts, of Whitley Bay, over eight hard rounds at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Jack Todd, of Sunderland, knocked out Wilf Robinson, of Hickleton Main, in the fourth of a scheduled eight rounder.

Bob Taylor, of Blackhall Mill, defeated Bobby Thompson, of Dipton, over eight rounds, on points.

Len Shaw, of Sheffield, outpointed Dick Grant, of Barnsley, in six rounds.

Norman Conn, of Winlaton, defeated Kit O'Niel, of Dipton, on points.

Jacky Evans, of Doncaster, defeated Tommy Best, of Sunderland, who retired at the end of the fourth of a six rounder.

Stan Hawthorne, of North Shields, defeated Pat Cunane, of Doncaster, in the second of a scheduled 10-round contest at Newcastle, when Cunane retired after having taken three long counts and much punishment.

Charlie Hall, of North Shields, and Duggie Myers, of Dancaster, put up an excellent eight rounder which went in favor of Myers.

Jimmy Minshead, of Choppington, knocked out Joe Miller, of Washington, in the fourth round.

Ken Hall, of Swalwell, defeated George Wells, of Newcastle, who retired at the end of the sixth.

Val Young, of Ryhope, knocked out Johnny Trueman, of Barnsley, in the first.

Ted "Kid" Lewis's young heavyweight Charley Henry, of Croydon, scored a good K.O. win at the expense of Ray Buddle, of Chatteris, in the third of the scheduled eight rounder at Great Yarmouth.

Arthur "Ginger" Sadd of Norwich had little difficulty in defeating Len Harrison of Barnsley over 10 rounds at Norwich.

Bert Buxton, hard-hitting Norwich welterweight, had his work cut out to defeat Billy Gunn of Scotland in a fast eight round contest.

Ronnie Clayton (Blackpool) and Pierce Ellis of Manchester fought a hectic ten round contest to a draw at the Liverpool Stadium.

Dick Shields (Liverpool) defeated Cyril Wills of Shrewsbury at the end of the sixth round of the scheduled eight when the latter retired with a badly cut eye.

Billy Biddles (Birmingham) scored a decisive points victory over Lloyd "Kid" Hartley (Jamaica) in eight rounds at Aylesbury.

Billy Hazlegrove of Brighton won a clever contest by a narrow margin over Roy Ball of Pontypool in eight rounds.

Charlie Henry (Croydon) defeated Andy Mackenzie (South Shields) in the third round of an eight round bout when the latter retired with a damaged wrist at Torquay.

Stan Rowan (Liverpool) scored a popular win after ten rounds against his tough opponent Jacky Hughes (Pontypridd) in the feature bout at the Liverpool Stadium.

Bert Hornby of Bolton and Billy Barton of Liverpool fought a thrilling bout in eight rounds before Hornby received the decision.

Jimmy Stewart (Edinburgh) forced Eddie Dumazel of Cardiff to retire at the end of the third round owing to a badly cut eye.

"FROM DOWN UNDER"

By VINCENT C. DAVIS

By Clipper from our Special Australian Correspondent

THE Australian boxer most widely known internationally, lightweight Vic Patrick, rated by THE RING high in the lightweight division, is about to launch himself on a campaign for the world title or bust. Now 27 years of age, Patrick will have the yardstick of European comparison run over him in his forthcoming fight with British Empire Champion, Ronnie James, who recently was knocked out by Ike Williams, the N. B. A. world champion. Ronnie has come from Wales to defend his Empire lightweight title on December 14 against Patrick in Sydney.

Patrick, one of the most devastating left and right rippers Australia has produced, has the awkwardness of his southpaw stance as well as amazing hitting power for a small man, with which to greet a James who is getting to an age when things come harder in the hempen square.

Should Patrick prove successful against James, Stadiums Ltd., Australia's boxing impresarios, have another James lined up for a fight with Patrick. He is Alf James, who is South Africa's offering to the lightweight field of the British Empire.

As far as the Americans, Wesley Mouzon, Bob Montgomery and Ike Williams are concerned, overtures are being made to get fights for Patrick against them if he can conquer Ron James. No definite undertakings have been completed, but Patrick's gauntlet is well and truly down for Montgomery, Mouzon or Williams to pick up.

Patrick last defended his Australian lightweight title on August 24, when he battered the Victorian hope, Eddie Miller, into submission in six rounds to get a technical knockout in their scheduled 15 rounder.

Since this clash with Miller, Patrick has not fought. His bout with Ronnie James will be his first fight in four months.

Patrick knows he has a wonderful chance of taking Australia's name to the fistic forefront of the world as a lightweight. He is out to do just that.

Noting the other day that THE RING has ranked him third in the world, Patrick sent a message: "You can tell them over there, I hope to ring a few more changes in the world rating."

One of the steadiest and easiest of boxers to train—he has no hankey-pankey ideas and is amenable to gymnasium discipline. Patrick is a clean liver and should be worth watching from now on.

Australia's national boxing titles have been and are still undergoing revolutionary changes in this post-war settling down period. The writing appears on the wall for the heavyweight champion, Jack Johnson. Formerly the holder also of the light-heavyweight title, Johnson lost it to the new Australian middleweight champion, an aboriginal boy named Dave Sands, who packs a terrific wallop. Sands seared and blasted Johnson twice within seven weeks, first time a T.K.O. in four and second up a kayo in the first.

Australian bantamweight champion, Mickey Francis, a really good little boxer, has hired a berth in a cargo boat and will bob up in England shortly. He is good enough to trouble the best over there.

A test of strength of all welterweights in this continent is in progress, with the welter crown as the prize. Laurie Petersen, 146½, put forward a word or two in his own behalf when he laid George Sands, 142½, flat on the floor of a Brisbane ring for the full count in three rounds of a scheduled 12.

Petersen, who is a tall rangy southpaw, cannonballed left rips into the pit of aboriginal Sands' stomach. Sands showed violent reaction by writhing on the canvas. Petersen fought at a furious pace from the opening bell and outclassed his opponent.

Light-heavyweights, Jack Wilson, 163, and Ron Walsh, 165¼, fought a surprise draw in Melbourne. Walsh was as far ahead as boxing could take him when they entered the eighth round. Wilson, who had been about as effective as an earthworm against a boa constrictor, suddenly snapped into life. He let fire a hail of body blows with both hands and then put Walsh on his back for a count of eight with a superb straight left. As if that was not enough he connected with a right swing that put Walsh down for nine. With Wilson berserk looking for a K.O. the last three rounds of their 12-round bout had the crowd up on the seats. It proved to Wilson that he should have made his run a couple of rounds earlier.

Middleweight Len Dittmar, 155, dealt nicely with Bill Callaghan, 158½, knocking him out in three, in Melbourne. Callaghan tried to bustle Dittmar but received first a boxing lesson and then was knocked out.

One of our strongest junior middleweights, Kevin McCarthy, 152, won on a T.K.O. from Frank Taylor in the 10th in Sydney. Victorian Wally Burns, 149, proved himself rough and tough in outpointing Al Watkins, 148½, in Sydney. Burns is one of those barrel chested individuals who can get real leverage into his rips.

Bantamweight Jimmy Hogg, 111, won by the proverbial mile in outpointing Chinese Mok Kai Khoon, 113, who hails from Malaya. Hogg was so elusive the Chinese repeatedly swung himself off his feet trying to land his left hooks and right swings.

A cut received over his left eyebrow towards the end of round one proved a big hurdle for Wally Burns, 150¾, and he lost a points verdict over 12 rounds to Jimmy Fraser, 143½, in Sydney. There was not much in it. Fraser's left hook and left rip took toll of a Burns who saw red through his own blood. Burns earned the admiration of all with his fighting spirit.

Southpaw lightweight, Tommy Watts, 135, from Sydney, who has had a great run of wins, added another to his list when he outboxed Jackie Wilson, 133, over 12 at Newcastle. Watts seems destined for big things in the Australian ring.

Tommy Jones, 144¾, gained a narrow points win over Joe Webster, 142¼, over 12 two-minute rounds in Sydney.

One of Australia's best postwar welterweight prospects, Ken Bailey, 137, made a hit in Melbourne when he gave a lesson to Jack Bridges, 140, to win on points over 12. Bailey has been trained along the same lines as Jack Haines by Gentleman Jack Dunleavy, who was well known in America twenty years ago. In Bailey we have a boxer who, although only 20 years old, already has most of the tricks of boxing in his repertoire. He is perhaps the best prospect in Australia today.

Australia—Melbourne's Sel Hamilton, 145, dealt unkindly with Sydney's Billy De Belin, 149½, over 12 rounds in Sydney, cutting short De Belin's comeback campaign with a points win. De Belin had not only Hamilton to fight, but his own subconscious mind. His confidence had been shaken by Al Moran, 148, last June when he was technically knocked out.

Hamilton, who is coached and trained by former national boxing star, Ambrose Palmer, has proved himself one of our four best welterweights. He wants to joust a lance with Tommy Burns and is well worthy of it.

Another bout of welterweight interest was a 12 rounder in Melbourne in which Jackie Daniels, 146½, decisioned Clem Sands, 146¾. The fight was noteworthy for the surprise showing of Clem Sands, who dislocated one of Daniels' ribs and made breathing an agony for him. Daniels won all right, but Sands left the ring much emboldened.

SOUTH AFRICAN NEWS

By SOL C. MALOON

DURBAN, Nov. 14.—In a tournament staged by the Natal National Sporting Club, Alf James, South African lightweight champion, defeated Dave Katzen in a 12-round bout. This fight was to have been for the championship but at the weigh-in it was found that James, at 139¾, was 4¾ pounds over the lightweight limit. Katzen weighed in at 132¾.

Other results were: N. van Rensburg, 178¼, beat G. Strydom, 194, the latter being disqualified in the fourth round for going down without being hit. G. Angelo, 141, beat Fred Storbeck, 145½, in six rounds. Johnny de Villiers, 171½, K.O.'ed George Mackay in the first round.

Pretoria—In a tournament promoted by the newly formed Pretoria Sporting Club, Nick Wolmarans, 182½, the South African heavyweight champion, beat the clever and seasoned Archie Smith, 192¼, on a T.K.O. in the fourth round. This was a most unfortunate ending to what promised to be a fine match as it was Wolmarans' head that caused two bad gashes under Smith's eyes.

Other results—Johnny de Villiers, 174½, beat Adrian Scheepers, 187, in a six-round contest. Young Rosella, 150½, beat Ginger Classens, 160½, on points in four. Alf Kruger, 127, outpointed Willie Coetzee, 128¼, in four. Bert Hayden, 122½, won his first professional fight by outpointing Sarel Griesel, 123, in four.

Johannesburg—There was a dramatic prelude to the tournament staged by the White City Sporting Club where the topliner was to have been a ten-rounder between the South African welterweight champion, Laurie Stevens, and the visiting British boxer, Bob Ramsey. The day before the fight it was announced that Stevens had had an attack of amnesia. Fortunately, the attack was only temporary but Stevens quite rightly felt that this was the red light warning him to hang up his gloves. So ends the career of the greatest boxing idol South Africa has ever had, a man who was rated as one of the best lightweights in the world before the war and an example to all young fellows in sportsmanship, clean living and modesty. His retirement had its conclusion when the entire stadium rose to its feet and sang "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," after Mr. G. Brown of the White City Club had made a presentation to him in the ring.

Stevens' place was taken by the popular Donnie Carr, 147. Bob Ramsey weighed in at 138. Halfway through the sixth round Ramsey brought over a terrific right cross to Carr's jaw and dropped him to the floor. Although Carr was not dazed, he tried to take advantage of the count and jumped up smartly on the downbeat of "out." The ref, however, ruled that he had not beaten the count and the fight was, accordingly, awarded to Ramsey, who showed by his gestures, that it was not a satisfactory conclusion. Carr was ahead on points until this dramatic ending.

Alf James fought the best fight of his career to easily outpoint Dave Katzen, No. 1 contender for the lightweight title, recently forfeited by James. They went ten rounds. The weights were Alf James, 139½, and Katzen, 136.

Other results—Abe Mulder, 156, beat Young Rosella, 151, on points over four rounds. Jackie Solomon, 134, outpointed Jimmy Toweel, 130, in six. George Angelo, 143½, won a very narrow victory over Bill Geoghegan, 143, in six. Phil van Niekerk, 200, K.O.'ed Tiny Naas, 217, in the third.

The boxing game is still enjoying great popularity and the constant importation of well-known fighters gives it added stimulus from time to time.

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PITTSBURGH FISTIC NEWS
By FRANK T. McQUAIDE, JR.

JUSTE FONTAINE, local lightweight, defeated Dorsey Lay of Philadelphia, at the Gardens in one of the most thrilling contests ever staged in a local ring. This bout, the feature presentation of a double windup, see-sawed back and forth for the full ten rounds with Fontaine emerging the victor by way of a split decision.

The remainder of the contest was nip and tuck all the way with both boys near exhaustion at the final bell.

Juste Fontaine weighed 136; Dorsey Lay, 137½.

The second ten rounder ended in a big upset when Jackie Armitage from nearby New Kensington, Pa., outpointed the heavy favorite, Charley (Young) Zivic, popular local protege of the Fritzie, in a split decision. These boys met twice before with Zivic winning both contests by split decisions. Armitage, in razor-sharp condition, outpunched Charley whose timing was very poor.

Jackie Armitage weighed 147; Charley (Young) Zivic, 148.

Leon Haire, 132, Philadelphia, used his height and reach to good advantage in winning the unanimous decision over the short but plenty game Sammy Schipani, 135, Pittsburgh, in a six rounder.

Al Thornton, 155, Pittsburgh, floored Tommy Nichols, 155, New Kensington, Pa., for a three count in round one, but had to work hard all the way to eke out a split decision in a four rounder.

Mike Kabala, 143, Allequippa, Pa., floored Kid Williams, 138, Pittsburgh, for two and nine counts in the first round, and again for a two count in the second before knocking him out in 1:16 of round two.

Jack Besselman, local welterweight, scored a knockout over Art Kimmel of Altoona, Pa., in 2:54 of the sixth round at the Aragon Gardens. The ringwise Besselman set a fast pace and it proved too much for the game young Kimmel, who tried hard and looked good in the early rounds. Jack Besselman weighed 148. Art Kimmel, 147.

In the six-round semi-final, Clyde Miller, 140, Pittsburgh, a newcomer and a very fine prospect, floored the taller Patty Hill, 145, Monaca, Pa., twice for nine counts in the opening round, but when Miller opened a bad cut under Hill's left eye, Referee Buck McTiernan halted the contest and awarded Miller the T.K.O. victory in 1:17 of round three.

Bobby Neal, 148, Beaver Falls, Pa., dropped Billy Squall, 147, Pittsburgh, for a nine count in round two, then knocked him out in 2:37 of the same stanza.

In another scheduled four rounder, Harry Schneider, 135, Mt. Oliver, Pa., dropped Russ Simplice, 135, Pittsburgh, five times for nine counts before the referee stopped the bout, declaring Harry the winner by virtue of a T.K.O. The time, one minute 40 seconds of round three.

In a four rounder, Billy Cole, 158, Pittsburgh, knocked out Jack Copeland, 160, Pittsburgh, in 2:15 of round two.

Willie Huff, heavyweight kayo artist from nearby Clairton, Pa., scored a technical knockout upset over Charley Roth of Akron, Ohio, in 2.04 of the fourth round at the Aragon Gardens on November 14. Referee Mike Hogan halted the contest when Roth struggled to his feet in a dazed condition after taking his third nine count in the stanza. Willie Huff weighed 180; Charley Roth, 185.

In the six round semi-final, Milton Ashford, 148, Braddock, Pa., won by a T.K.O. over Bobby Neal, 149, Beaver Falls, Pa., in 1.47 of the fifth round when the referee halted the bout to save the exhausted Neal from further punishment. Neal was floored for a three count in the third round and twice for nine in the fifth.

Chuck O'Mara, 149, Pittsburgh, Pa., forced the fight all of the way and won the unanimous decision over Garfield Thompson, 152, Cecil, Pa., in a four rounder.

Sammy Mastrean, 138, Pittsburgh, Pa., won by T.K.O. over Dell Haught, 134, Canonsburg, Pa., when the referee stopped the bout in 1.37 of the first round. Haught was in no condition to continue after being dropped.

Don Lawson, 139, Steubenville, Ohio, kayoed Harry Schneider, 133, Mt. Oliver, Pa., in 41 seconds of the second round.

Ezzard Charles, sensational Cincinnati light-heavyweight, scored a terrific upset at the Gardens by hammering out a decisive victory over the highly touted Jimmy Bivins of Cleveland. Bivins entered the ring with Joe Louis's personal rating as the leading contender for the heavyweight crown, but the busy Ezzard busted that bubble completely. Bivins had 11 pounds on Charles.

The decision of the officials was unanimous, and the 4,971 fans who paid a gross of $22,237.51 and a net of $20,953.21, lustily cheered the verdict.

Ezzard Charles weighed 175; Jimmy Bivins, 186.

In the six round semi-final, Jackie Lyons, 176, Latrobe, Pa., won the unanimous decision over Georgie Clark, 174, Pittsburgh, Pa. Lyons, a protege of Fritzie Zivic, rocked his opponent repeatedly with smashing rights to the head, flooring him at the bell in round two.

Dick Cook, 129, Cincinnati, Ohio, had to work hard all the way to capture the split decision over Joe Barrone, 125, Pittsburgh, Pa., in another six rounder.

Lloyd Gibson, 160, Cincinnati, scored a knockout over John Fulton, 165, Pittsburgh, Pa., in 2.16 of the third round.

Mike Kabala, 145, Allison, Pa., floored Joey Adams, 144, Johnstown, Pa., for an eight count in the first round and again for eight in the second, before the referee awarded him a T.K.O. victory in 1.28 of round two.

Marion Klingensmith, 160, Brownsville, Pa., protege of Sammy Angott, dropped Jimmy Burns, 162, Johnstown, Pa., for counts of one and two, then knocked him out in 2.59 of round one.

BOXING IN CUBA
By MILT BARON

MIKE ACEVEDO, Cuba's great featherweight, regained his title by defeating Lino Garcia in a hard fought fifteen round contest at the Sports Palace in Havana. Two months ago Lino won a questionable decision, and a return go was promised Acevedo. In their second encounter, Acevedo left no doubt as to who was the better man. Lino put up a tough battle, and had the champion busy in the last three rounds. Lino Garcia, anyway, is a great little fighter, and it won't be long before he'll hold a title. He's growing out of the featherweight class.

Julio Pedroso, Cuba's fast punching welterweight, from a nearby town called San Antonio de Las Lajas, easily defeated Jota Jota Fernandez of Venezuela in ten rounds. Pedro floored his rival four times and had no trouble in earning the decision.

Wilfredo Miro, a consistent knocker-outer, was forced to be content with a draw against Julian Varona. These featherweights put up a good scrap. Orlando Cepeda kayoed Jorge Canovas in four rounds, and Joe Molina did the same thing to Rosendo Perez in the fourth round of a scheduled eight.

Armando Puenti Pi drew in ten rounds with Leonardo Lopez of Mexico. The Mexican featherweight is a good puncher and had Puenti Pi on his skids all the time. The decision was not well liked by the fans. However, the writer's scorecard added up a fair draw.

Diego Sosa, corking Cuban lightweight, put Rolando Delgado away in three rounds. Diego appeared in top form and will soon be seen in a long string of contests his manager has signed up for him. Basilio Garcia scored a one round knockout over Carlos Zulueta, and Armando Dubechet, a promising featherweight, beat Ramon Rodriguez in six.

Joe Legon, Cuba's welterweight champion, is scheduled to meet Jose Alvarez Garcia, the Spanish champion, on November 30. Legon's manager reports him to be in good condition. He's training at "La Rosa" farm.

RING NEWS FROM HAWAII
By TED YAMACHIKA

HAWAII had a gathering of 10,075 boxing fans who paid $53,018.75 to see world heavyweight champion Joe Louis go through six rounds of exhibition at the Honolulu Stadium on November 11. Although the gross receipts set a new record high, the show failed to better the attendance record by a wide margin of 5,000, the highest attendance at a Honolulu boxing show being slightly over 15,000. This was due to the high prices asked for tickets, ranging from $25.00 for choice ringside seats to $3.00 for general admission.

Appearing for the first time in the Islands, Joe Louis, although fighting under wraps, impressed local fans with his masterful boxing and easily outpointed his two opponents, Cleo Everett, 207¼, whom he fought for four rounds, and Wayne Powell, 176½, who appeared in the remaining two rounds. Even at 215 pounds, Joe Louis appeared fast and his punching seemed as deadly as ever.

In addition to Joe Louis' exhibition, Promoter Leo Leavitt put on four more bouts featuring outstanding local boys.

Dado Marino, 116, territorial flyweight champ, shaded up and coming Eddie Reyes, 118, in a six round bout. Marino had one of his bad nights and was in danger of losing but a late rally made him the winner by a very slight margin.

In a companion six round bout Yasu Yasutake, 130, copped the last three rounds to top aging Adolph Samuels, 125¾.

Robert Takeshita's knockout streak was stopped at nine straight by tough Ken Monar, 135¾, over the five round route. Takeshita won handily. Takeshita weighed 136.

Walter Kahookele, 134½, stopped Eddie Salazar, 137, in the second of five.

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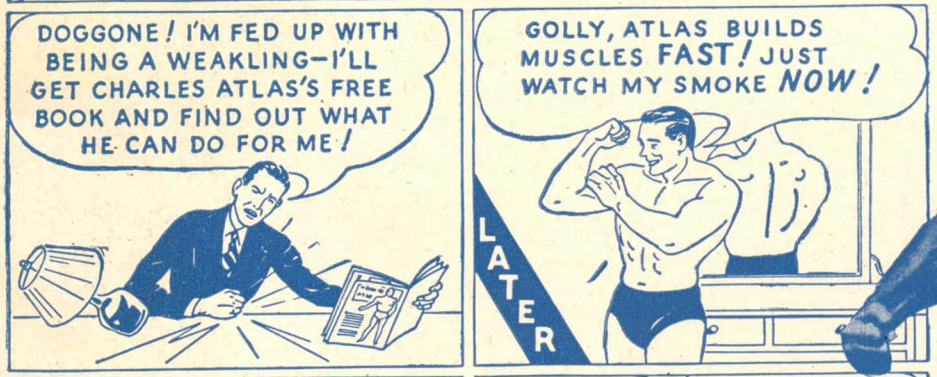

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